

Devotion 27: I Will Open Your Graves

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Scripture: *Ezekiel 37:12–14*

“Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live.”

Devotion

There is no more final-feeling place than a cemetery. The stone is set. The dirt is packed down. It's over. That's exactly why God's words here are so shocking: “I will open your graves.” He says it not once but twice, as if to make sure nobody misses the point. God is saying, “You think that's permanent? No way. I'm going to open it up. I'm going to raise you.” For the people of Israel in exile, this was a promise that their life as God's people was not over. He would bring them home. But the promise reaches even further than Babylon. It reaches all the way to Easter morning and all the way to the Last Day when every believer will be raised to life. Notice that it's God who does all the work: “I will open... I will raise... I will put my Spirit within you.” We don't climb out of the grave on our own strength. God opens it from the outside. That's the kind of God we have—One who doesn't leave His people in the ground.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God repeats “I will open your graves” twice?
2. What does it mean that God does all the work of raising us—not us?
3. How does this promise change the way we think about people we love who have died?

Closing Prayer

Mighty God, You are the One who opens graves and raises the dead. We cannot save ourselves, but You can and You will. Comfort us with Your promise of resurrection, and fill us with Your Spirit so that we may truly live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Family Action Item: If your family has lost a loved one, share a favorite memory of that person tonight and read this passage together as a reminder of God's promise.