

# Devotion 26: Can These Bones Live?

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**Scripture:** *Ezekiel 37:3–6*

*“And he said to me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ And I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.’”*

## Devotion

God asks Ezekiel an impossible question: “Can these bones live?” Imagine being asked, “Can that rusted-out old truck in the pasture drive again?” You’d say, “Well, not on its own!” Ezekiel gives the wisest answer possible: “O Lord GOD, you know.” He doesn’t say yes, and he doesn’t say no. He puts the question right back where it belongs—in God’s hands. And then God tells Ezekiel to do something that must have seemed ridiculous: preach to a pile of bones. Speak God’s Word to the dead. That’s exactly what God’s Word does every single day. It goes into impossible situations and brings life. When a pastor speaks God’s Word of forgiveness to a guilty heart, life comes. When a parent reads Scripture to a child at bedtime, life comes. When you hear “Your sins are forgiven” at the Lord’s Supper, life comes. God’s Word doesn’t just describe life—it creates life. Even dry bones hear when God speaks.

## Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Ezekiel didn’t just say “no” when God asked if the bones could live?
2. Can you think of a time when God’s Word brought comfort or hope to your family when things seemed hopeless?
3. How is hearing God’s Word in church like God speaking life into dry bones?

## Closing Prayer

*Lord God, You speak and dead things come to life. Help us to trust the power of Your Word, even when our situations seem impossible. Speak life into the dry and weary places in our hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Family Action Item:** Read a Bible verse together as a family at each meal this week. Let God’s Word be the voice that speaks into your daily routine.