

Devotion 25: A Valley of Dry Bones

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Scripture: *Ezekiel 37:1–2*

“The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley. It was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.”

Devotion

Have you ever walked through a cornfield after harvest? The stalks are brown and broken, the ground is bare, and everything looks lifeless. Now imagine something a thousand times more hopeless: a valley covered with human bones, bleached white by the sun, completely dry. That’s what God showed the prophet Ezekiel. It was a picture of total death—no heartbeat, no breath, no hope. This vision was meant to show the people of Israel what they had become. They were in exile in Babylon, far from home, far from the temple, and they felt like God had forgotten them. “Our hope is lost,” they said. “We are cut off.” But God brought Ezekiel to that valley for a reason. He didn’t show him death to leave him in despair. He showed him death so He could show him something even bigger: that God’s power is greater than any graveyard. As we journey through Lent toward the cross and the empty tomb, we begin this week by staring honestly at death—and then watching what God does next.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the most hopeless situation you’ve ever seen or felt?
2. Why do you think God showed Ezekiel something so sad and scary?
3. How does it help us to be honest about death instead of pretending it doesn’t exist?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we live in a world where death is real and loss is painful. Give us eyes to see beyond the valley of dry bones to Your promises of life. Open our hearts this week to trust You even when things look hopeless. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Family Action Item: As a family, take a walk outside and notice signs of late winter giving way to early spring. Talk about how God brings life out of what looks dead.