

# **Reedy Fork Baptist Church**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

## **BIBLE STUDY**

**Theme: "Men Rise Up-We Have Work To Do"**

**SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 37:1-8, NIV**

**<sup>1</sup> The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.**

<sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

**<sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."**

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

**<sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.**

<sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

**<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.**

<sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

### **I. Key Words:**

- Men
- Rise up
- Work

### **II. People, Places, & Times:**

- Ezekiel
- Israel

### III. Background:

Ezekiel 37 is a powerful biblical passage where God uses the vision of the "Valley of Dry Bones" and the symbolic act of two sticks to promise the ultimate physical, spiritual, and national restoration of a hopeless and exiled Israel.

Ezekiel 37:1-8 details the first half of the famous "Valley of Dry Bones" vision. Transported by the Spirit of the Lord, Ezekiel encounters a desolate battlefield full of completely lifeless, scattered skeletons. God commands the prophet to speak His word, resulting in a miraculous, noisy rattling as the bones join together and are covered in flesh and skin.

### IV. In Depth:

#### **1. Lesson Emphasis: 1. The State of Israel:**

The dry bones represent the entirety of the house of Israel. The people believed their hope was entirely gone, but God uses this vision to promise physical and spiritual restoration.

#### **2. Lesson Emphasis #2: The Power of the Word**

God does not simply command the bones to live on His own; He commands the prophet Ezekiel to speak to them. This illustrates human partnership in God's divine revival. Ezekiel's act of prophesying shows that our voices and actions are crucial in activating God's restorative power in hopeless situations.

#### **3. Lesson Emphasis #3: Meeting in the Depths:**

The Spirit of God is not restricted to comfortable, holy mountaintops. He powerfully enters the lowest and most desolate valleys of human experience to bring hope and new life.

#### **4. Lesson Emphasis: 4 Resurrection Power:**

The gradual transformation of the bones—from dry debris to fully formed bodies—foreshadows God's ultimate promise to conquer death. This prophetic imagery ultimately points to the new covenant and resurrection power made available through Jesus Christ.

#### **5. Lesson Emphasis: 5 Practical Application**

For modern believers, this passage serves as a powerful reminder that God can breathe life into seemingly hopeless, dead situations. Whether dealing with broken relationships, financial ruin, or deep spiritual exhaustion, God has the power to bring order and life out of chaos. It also calls Christians to confidently speak God's word into dry, lifeless environments, trusting that it has the power to enact change.

### V. Make It Happen

- What was the state of Israel and what is the state of America at present?
- What changed the state of Israel and what will change Americas present state.
- How does Ezekiel prophesy help us in today's world?

