

EPHESIANS

THE PAST, THE POWER, THE PURPOSE

In Ezekiel 37:1-14, God gave his prophet a vision of a valley of skeletons. There was a valley of dead bones. Lifeless, dry, skeletons, and there was an entire valley of them. And the point of showing them was to communicate the spiritual state of Israel – and all those who have not come to conviction of sins, repentance of their sins, and faithfully following Christ.

This parallels what Paul is speaking about the past of the Ephesian Christians. They were dead bones, lacking life, having no ability to respond to the gospel ... until God spoke to the bones. Again, this is how Paul describes the Ephesian church in Ephesians 2:10. Until God gave them his word, his Spirit, and his grace – they were dead in their sins.

Do you believe this about your past? Is this how you think of yourself before you were called to Christ? Let's take a look into Ephesians 2:1-10 and see the plight of the lost, the power of God's word, and the purpose for which he calls us to.

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THE POWER TO PARTICIPATE

READ THE TEXT

Ephesians 2:1-10

DISCUSSION

Any thoughts, questions, highlights, or comments on today's message?

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1. What do we learn about God?
2. What do we learn about people?
3. What do we learn about relating to God?
4. What do we learn about relating to others?

APPLYING THE TEXT

1. What does God want me to understand?
2. What does God want me to believe?
3. What does God want me to desire?
4. What does God want me to do?