

Ezekiel 37:1-6 “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. ² 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. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

Dry bones:

- No *Life*
- No *Vision*
- No *Hope*

How did Israel get here? How do WE get here?

We get here because we live out of the will of GOD!

⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ 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.”

Bones that are alive:

- They produce life
- They are driven by vision
- They possess hope and hope is contagious

HOW TO GET BACK IN HIS WILL AND STAY THERE — 5 STEPS IN DISCOVERING HIS WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

1. **PRAYER** — The example of Jesus (*Mark 14:36*)
2. **HIS WORD** — His will is sweet (*Psalms 119:103*)
3. **COUNSEL** — In counsel there is safety (*Proverbs 12:15*)
4. **WORSHIP** — Reflecting God’s value (*Romans 12:1*)
5. **SURRENDER** — *James 1:7*



1. PRAYER

James 1:5-8 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

Romans 8:26-28 "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

When you pray, pray for God's will to be revealed in your life. Jesus said to pray, "Thy will be done." If you are praying because of your own desires, you are asking for the wrong things. But when you have reached the place when you are willing to accept God's will over your own, you have reached a turning point in prayer. God will see that you have surrendered your will to His and He will begin to reveal His plan to you. It may not seem like it, but God wants you know His will for your life more than you want to know it yourself. You have to learn to trust that God has your best interest at heart no matter how bad it might appear at the time.

2. THE WORD

Psalms 119:103 "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

John 6:30-35 "So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."



3. COUNSEL

Proverbs:

- **12:15** “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.”
- **27:9** “Oil and perfume make the heart glad, So a man’s counsel is sweet to his friend.”
- **15:22** “Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed.”
- **12:15** “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.”
- **24:6** “For by wise guidance you will wage war, And in abundance of counselors there is victory.”
- **11:14** “Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory.”

4. WORSHIP

Hebrews 12:28-29 “Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.”

Revelation 19:10 “Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

5. WORSHIP

To Remain, Abide

- Not to depart
- To continue to be present
- To be held, kept, continually



John 15:1-5 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

6. SURRENDER

Romans 12:1-2 “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

James 4:7-8 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

Luke 9:23-24 “And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”

Acts 21:8-14 “On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. ⁹ He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. ¹⁰ While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, “Thus says the Holy Spirit, ‘This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.’” ¹² When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” ¹⁴ And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, “Let the will of the Lord be done.”



To be in God's will is to have consistent dialogue with Him.

To be in God's will is to be saturated with His word.

To be in God's will is to listen to the advise of wise people He has placed you with.

To be in God's will is to hold him in worship.

To be in God's will is to surrender.

To be in God's will is to walk in humble obedience.

