

Sermon Notes
October 27, 2019

The Way Maker 4: Life With The Holy Spirit – Ezekiel 37:1-14

2. Allowing our _____ to be guided by the Holy Spirit
3. Remembering that _____ we take is one we take with the Holy Spirit
4. Living with the Holy Spirit is deliberately diminishing our own _____ so that there can be more room for the Holy Spirit
5. **Big Idea:** For it is when we are the least full of ourselves that the Holy Spirit can give us the most life

D. Opposites to Life with the Holy Spirit:

- a. Worry
- b. Small thinking
- c. A self-directed life

Conclusion: A picture of a life lived with the Holy Spirit

A. Toby Mac and his son Truett

B. Application: How does this message apply to your life?

Summary: There are times when the challenges of life overwhelm us and we feel like dry, life-less bones with no hope. But our God is a God who can breathe the Holy Spirit into us and bring the dead back to life. Therefore, we have hope.

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Intro: Two big days: A graduation & a funeral

A. Which day should I embrace as my “normal”?

I. Ezekiel

A. His message of _____ from God

1. The wrongdoing of God’s people
 - a. They had worshipped f_____ gods (Jer. 32:25)
 - b. They had shed innocent blood
 - c. They had _____ God (Eze. 22:12)
2. The divine consequences. God’s people would lose:
 - a. Their _____ in the Promised Land
 - b. Their proximity to the _____
 - c. Their lust for the _____ & prosperity of their neighbours

B. Idolatry

1. Reasons why idolatry is so serious
 - a. Your _____ to your God/god in this life determines the trajectory of your life forever
 - b. You cannot end up in the right _____ if your life is not centered on the right God
2. So, the humiliation that God allowed to come upon His people was an act of _____

C. Three questions:

1. What is distracting you from God?
2. What does God need to take away from you so that you can focus your heart on Him?
3. How low do you need to go before you begin to look up?

II. Hope in the Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones (Eze. 37:1-14)

- A. The picture of _____: a valley of dusty, dry bones
- B. God commands Ezekiel to speak a prophetic message to the bones
 1. The bones come together & are wrapped with sinew, muscle & skin but there is no _____
- C. God commands Ezekiel to speak a prophetic message to the winds

1. The Hebrew word *ruach* means “breath, wind or _____”

2. The bodies came to life and stood on their feet

D. What does this mean?

1. The old, dry bones are the people of Israel
 - a. Their _____ is gone
 - b. Their nation is finished
2. God’s promise to the exiles
 - a. Resurrection of their nation
 - b. Return to the Promised Land
 - c. *Ruach* – the gift of the Holy Spirit

III. How does this apply to us?

- A. Sometimes we feel like dry, old bones
- B. God is speaking a prophetic message of _____ to us.
 1. Through Jesus, we will be resurrected
 2. We experience a return to a relationship with God as His beloved, forgiven _____
 3. We have been given the *Ruach*, the Holy Spirit, in our _____.
- C. What does it mean to live by the Holy Spirit?
 1. Letting our _____ be directed by the Holy Spirit