

# AWAKE

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## I. THREE STEPS FOR BECOMING SPIRITUALLY AWAKE

### 1. *Identify What Is Broken*

#### **Ezekiel 37:1-2 NIV**

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.

#### **Isaiah 59:1-2 NLT**

<sup>1</sup>Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you,  
nor is His ear too deaf to hear you call.

<sup>2</sup>It's your sins that have cut you off from God.  
Because of your sins, He has turned away  
and will not listen anymore.

- **Rejection leads to separation.**

### 2. *Trust Who Has Spoken*

#### **Ezekiel 37:3 NIV**

<sup>3</sup>He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, You alone know."

#### **Ezekiel 37:4-6 NIV**

<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.' "

- **Faith transcends the obstacles of our earthly reality.**
- **God is not limited by human error.**
- **Faith in God's Word carries redemptive power.**

#### **John 13:33 NLT**

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in Me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

### *3. Obey What Was Spoken*

#### **Ezekiel 37:7-8 NIV**

<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.

- **Obedience to God changes our situations.**
- **Obedience to God is not subjective.**
- **Obedience to God should be reactive.**

#### **Romans 5:19 NLT**

<sup>19</sup> Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

- **Obedience to God changes our perspective.**

#### **Ezekiel 37:8 NIV**

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

#### **Ezekiel 37:9-10 NIV**

<sup>9</sup> Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’ ” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.