



Title: No limits I – Can these bones live?
Speaker: André Kruger
Date: 30 July 2010
Time: 19:00

Ezekiel 37:1–10 (NIV) ¹ *The hand of the LORD was upon 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.*** ² *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.*

- The starting material – lots of bones. Representing our mess. Lots of broken people.

³ *He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “O Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”*

- But do you believe it can change? “You see bones, I see an army!”

⁴ *Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!’*

- Hear the word of the Lord!

⁵ ***This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.*** ⁶ *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.*

- God’s word spoken to the bones. He will do it. Sovereignly.

Then you will know that I am the LORD.’ ”

- It will be proof that God is God. It will be a sign.

⁷ *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.* ⁸ *I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.*

- The structure has formed. The flesh. The connections has been made, but still no breath.

⁹ *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 from the four winds. O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’*

” ¹⁰ *So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.*

An people healed for what? To do battle. God’s way. **Whole, so that we can love those who despise us.**

How is this army made whole?

Prophecy. The word of God spoken by the empowerment of God’s Spirit.

The Breath. Short of breath? You can’t function. Your body shuts down. Many Christians feel like that. They are unable to do the will of God, because they don’t know the fullness of the Spirit.

Prophecy to the breath, to come: We need to proclaim God’s word and will, so that His Spirit can come to breath upon the slain. They come to life.

Revival: State of being revived. The process of being revived. **Revive** – to become active and flourishing again. Bring back to life.

***We are those bones.** We need a revival in our hearts this weekend.