

# Sleeping in the Light

## Ezekiel 37

1 The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones.

2 He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. 3 Then he asked me, "Son of man, can these bones become living people again?"

"O Sovereign LORD," I replied, "you alone know the answer to that."

4 Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD!

5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again!

6 I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

(NLT)

Where do we begin?

We are living in a world that's full of sin, no doubt!

We live in a world where sin is being promoted on a level that is heartbreaking.

Everybody is screaming, "I have my constitutional rights"

**Courts are fighting over:**

Legalizing Gambling

Legalizing Marijuana

Legalizing Same Sex Marriage

Doing away with the Confederate Flag

Taking prayer out of the schools

Teaching children in grammar schools about same sex marriage

You can't display crosses and manger scene in our public places

People are screaming, our President is destroying our country

We need a Republican, we need a Demarcate, we need an

Independent

I will agree:

*"America has become a dry, dead heap of lifeless bones and America needs a revival."*

But can I tell you, **"It's Just the world being the world!"**

Jesus said this was going to happen in the last days.

**Matt 24:4-12**

**4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.**

**5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

**6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

**7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.**

**8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

**9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.**

**10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.**

**11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.**

**12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.**

**KJV**

As we watch a world of deterioration and moral failure on every side, the church has become full of wounds and decomposing sores; a church that is galloping toward disease that is leading to death, death to disintegration, and a church that is quickly headed toward being a grave yard full of disjointed bones that spell out despair.

**Notice: At this grim hour, the world sleeps in the darkness, and the church sleeps in the Light**

As we sit in our comfortable churches and safeguard our spiritual bankruptcy, people are perishing and hell is filling. Do we not have a pain in our hearts anymore for perishing men? I believe we have more pain over where we are asked to park our cars on Sunday morning than we do over somebody that just went to hell.

One of the most painful things I know is to face up to the truth. The church is screaming, ***"The world doesn't want to hear the truth any more, nor does the church."***

Church, where is our brokenness?

**Ps 51:17**

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart...**

**KJV**

**God uses broken things!**

**(I) In Luke 9:16-17**

... he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

**KJV**

(II) In **Mark 14:3** the alabaster box was broken; only then could its fragrance escape and fill the house and the world.

**Verse 8 She has done what she could and has anointed my body for burial ahead of time. 9 I assure you, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be talked about in her memory."**

**NLT**

(III) **Luke 22:19**

**And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

**KJV**

**How long has it been since the Spirit of God has swept over your soul and you were broken before the Lord?**

There will more required out of you than your **FLESH** is willing to give up.

In pursuing God and His glory, your changes will not all be exciting, because it will tear into your flesh and your flesh isn't going to like it.

Something dies within us every time we are confronted by His glory!!!

The more of our flesh dies the more of our spirit lives.

There is only one thing that is stopping God. It's called **HUNGER**

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He is not going to pour out His Spirit where He doesn't find

**HUNGER!**

Are you hungry for God today?

Church lets don't become a spiritual bone yard.

**2 Chron 7:14**

**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

**KJV**

**James 4:10**

**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**

**KJV**

**1 Peter 5:6**

**Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:**

**KJV**

**2 Chron 34:27-28**

**You were sorry and humbled yourself before God when you heard what I said... You humbled yourself and ...**

**wept before me in repentance. So I have indeed heard you, says the LORD.**

**NLT**

**"Speak a prophetic message to these bones (*let God's Word speak to you heart*) and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD!**