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CHANGE YOUR WORDS AND CHANGE YOUR LIFE

#7 "SPEAKING LIFE" - PT 1

Ezekiel 37:1-10 (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. 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. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 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.'" 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. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet — a vast army.

1. In life, we _____.

Romans 6:23 (NIV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NIV) As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you

followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Romans 5:12 (NIV) Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.

2. God calls us to _____ our _____ from death to life.

God doesn't want you to stare at death without any hope of a restored life:

- When you acknowledge your spiritual deadness, God wants you to know the possibility of spiritual life.
Ephesians 2:4-6; Romans 8:1-2
- When you consider your own physical death, God wants you to think about the possibility of eternal life!
Romans 6:23; 1 John 5:13
- When you look at a loved one who has physically died in Christ, God wants you to consider that it's not the end. There's a great reunion day coming!
John 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- When you look at anything in your life that has "death" written on it, anything that sin or Satan has "killed" or "destroyed," remember, God wants you to consider the possibility of His life-giving power invading it.
John 10:10