



I. INTRO/REVIEW

John 16:7 (NKJV) ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

- A. Types of the Holy Spirit given to help us understand
- Holy Spirit as wind –
 - o 800 times we see the word spirit in the bible
 - OT written in Heb. Ruwach – a violent exhalation, a blast of breath, a strong wind
 - Every created thing started with the breath of God
 - o NT Greek – pneuma – breath, wind, current of air, a strong breeze

II. EZEKIEL'S VISION – CAN THESE BONES LIVE?

- A. Ezekiel's history
- B. The vision of dry bones was to give hope to the nation

Ezekiel 37:11 (KJV) ¹¹ Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off.

- C. The vision

Ezekiel 37:1-3 (NKJV) The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. ² Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and indeed *they were* very dry. ³ And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord God, You know."

Ezekiel 37:4-6 (NKJV) ⁴ Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I *am* the Lord."⁶"

- D. God wants us to know
- Nothing is too hard for Him
 - When God speaks things begin to happen

Ezekiel 37:7-8 (NKJV) ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was no breath in them.*

- God is a God of order and order always precedes increase
- BUT – No breath – no wind – no Ruwach in them



E. God's answer to lifelessness

Ezekiel 37:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'"" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

- Something MORE is needed than just the preaching of the Word of God.

III. FAST-FORWARD 500-600 YEARS

A. Judaism the religion of the day – looked good but was dead

Matthew 23:27 (NKJV) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

B. This was the day the earth caught fire

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 2:3-4 (NKJV) ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- Everything changed after Pentecost

Acts 4:13 (NKJV) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Question – what do you want God to breathe on?

IV. CONCLUSION

A. Being filled with the spirit is a relationship

- A prayer language

1 Corinthians 14:2 (MSG) ² If you praise him in the private language of tongues, God understands you but no one else does, for you are sharing intimacies just between you and him.

1 Corinthians 14:14 (NKJV) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

God is ready, willing and able to fill you right now. He's more willing to fill you than you are to be filled.



- We do not have to beg God to do what he has already promised to do.

Luke 11:13 (NKJV) If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"