

### I. REVIEW/INTRO

#### A. Learning to Breathe

- We don't really think about breathing – natural and involuntary
- Hard to live a “normal” life without good oxygen levels

**Just like breathing is vital to our physical well-being, worship is vital to our spiritual well being**

**Job 33:4 (NLT) For the Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**

#### B. God is looking for people who are looking for Him

**John 4:23 (NKJV) But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.**

- To be a true worshiper you need to be familiar with two words – Spirit and Truth

#### C. Spirit – Pneuma – Breath of life, soul

### II. FACE TO FACE

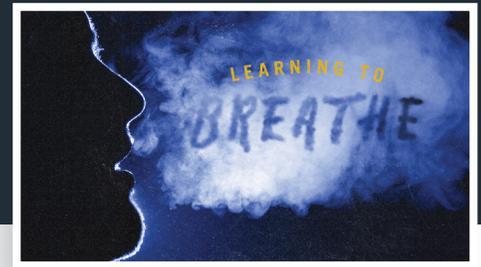
#### A. God is a relational God

**Exodus 33:11 (NKJV) So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.**

**2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (MSG) Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are—face-to-face! They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.**

#### B. We're on a journey

**James 4:8a (NKJV) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you....**



### III. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

A. There will be times that you need

- **Power not just words**

**1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NKJV)** And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

- **We need an encounter not just an explanation**

**John 9:24-25 (NKJV)** <sup>24</sup> So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

- **We need His presence not just practice**

**Rom 8:11 (Message)** It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

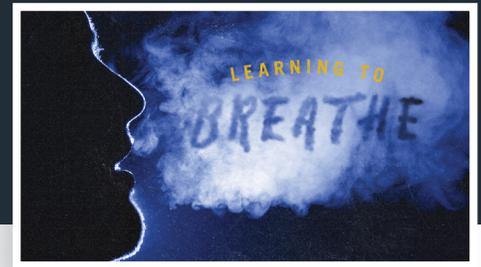
### IV. COME ALIVE

A. Ezekiel's 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord God, You know."

**Ezekiel 37:4-5 (NKJV)** Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

**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.



### B. God's answer to lifelessness

**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.

**Acts 2:17 (NIV)** In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

- Prophesy, visions and dreams are the language of the Spirit

### C. You have a part to play

**Ezekiel 37:11 (NIV)** <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone, we are cut off.’”