

PART 1: A Breath of Hope

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**START**

We have all encountered things in life that we didn't expect. We have faced hardships and devastation. During the exile, Israel ended up in a nation they didn't know and among people they didn't know. Feelings of hopelessness abounded, but God had a plan and called Ezekiel to bring revival.

- When have you been in a place you didn't expect?
- What feelings did you feel at that moment?
- Have you been called to something difficult?

**READ**

[Ezekiel 37:5-6](#) (NIV)

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.'"

**THINK**

In the midst of despair, hope rises. That is what Ezekiel experienced as God breathed His breath, His spirit, into the dry bones before Ezekiel. This gives us comfort knowing in the midst of the despair in our lives, God's hope rises within us as we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

- Where do you need the word of God breathed in your life?
- What hope do you see in the midst of your despair?

Throughout life we can experience despair. We can feel cut off and that hope is gone. Even when we are in despair God calls us to faithfulness. He calls us to obedience and to follow Him. Following God in obedience allows us to walk through our despair, knowing that He is breathing His life into us.

- Where do you feel hope dissipating in your life?
- How do you feel lost in life?
- Are there days when you wake up and feel dead inside?
- How can you lean into God to give you life?

**PRAY**

"God when despair is all around me, help me to lean into your promises and the hope that you give. Breath your life into me that I may be empowered to follow you in obedience.

**ACT**

This week, when you encounter despair in your life, take a step in obedience to God. Even in despair we can lean on His power.

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ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.