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It's Revival Time

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A prayer for REVIVAL

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To the Leadership, Members, and Believers at First Baptist Subang. My prayer and desire in My Lifetime is to be a part of a great revival in Malaysia.

Every Revival starts with individuals and moves to families then to churches and finally the whole nation. I pray Ezekiel 37 over your Church in this coming year of 2025.

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Ezekiel 37 revolves around the central question: "Can these (very dry) bones live?" (v.3).

Corpses can't live. Worse, these corpses have already become bones! "Very dry" bones (v.2)! Game over.

However, in this epic vision of dry bones, Ezekiel presents a powerful message about Revival. It's a fantastic chapter!

There are THREE important revelations of GOD'S REVIVAL in Ezekiel 37.

1. THE PROMISE OF REVIVAL

Ezekiel 37:5 - "Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I WILL cause breath to enter you, and YOU SHALL live."

Notice the verbs "I will" and "you shall". Two things. There is a divine initiative ("I will"), and there is a wondrous result ("you shall"). Indeed, God is the Divine Initiator! Revival is essentially the WORK OF GOD (cf. v.6).

2. THE PROSPECT OF REVIVAL

How then can dry bones live? The Lord said to the prophet, "Prophesy!"

The Lord did not say, "Gather the dry bones and pour water on them - and try to resuscitate them"

Notice the dual call to "prophesy" in verse 4 and verse 9.

"Prophesy over these bones"(v.4), and "Prophesy to the breath" (v.9)

Several commentators, including the esteemed Spurgeon, have recognized that to prophesy to the bones is to declare the word of God in preaching; and to prophesy to the breath/wind (or perhaps a better translation, "Spirit") is prayer.

This is all about the WAY of God for Revival - the WORD AND SPIRIT!

The pulpit needs to bring forth the word in the authority of Christ. Preach to please God and not men!

But wait. There's MORE! Ezekiel 37 ends by focusing on the PURPOSE of Revival!



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3. THE PURPOSE OF REVIVAL

There are three parts to Ezekiel 37 -

1. The Promise Of Revival Rooted In The Work Of God;
2. The Prospect Of Revival Rooted In The Way Of God;
3. The Purpose Of Revival Rooted In The Will Of God.

Now, the final section (vv.15-28) records the prophetic act of joining two sticks into one.

Get this. The 'Vision of Dry Bones' (Revival) and the 'Prophetic Act of Joining Two Sticks' (Unity) are meant by God to be tied TOGETHER - unto a profound PURPOSE!

In applicational contriteness, we must realize that the global church is sadly divided into a lot of "two sticks" today.

We are divided between the Western and non-Western Church. Between Charismatics and non- Charismatics. Between marketplace leaders and church leaders. Between clergy and laity.

BUT the Revival that God intends is a UNIFYING REVIVAL!

Isn't it time for the "two sticks" to be joined as one in the hand of God for His redemptive purpose?

The central question in Ezekiel is not just "Can these bones live?"; but more pertinently, "What do they live for?!". Indeed, the PURPOSE of Revival is to forge a God-honouring unity (two sticks joined as one!) for the redemption of the NATIONS!

We find this stirring revelation in Ezekiel 37:28 (the last verse that sums it all up!). It reads - "Then THE NATIONS will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel..."

Connect the dots! It goes all the way back to the Abrahamic Covenant!

Through Abraham, God expressly chose Israel for an expressed purpose - so that ALL THE NATIONS of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 12:2-3)! Don't miss or marginalize this.

There is a missiological impetus for revival and unity!

That's the BIG PICTURE! Global missions!

Miss this - and everything returns to DRY BONES!

May 2025 be a year that First Baptist Subang sees a revival. May you see unity like never before! May the two sticks become one!



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PRAYERSPOTLIGHT

A PRAYER FOR REVIVAL: (BY JENNIFER FLANDERS. LOVINGLIFEATHOME.COM, 2017)

R = REKINDLED LOVE FOR GOD

Set my soul afire, Lord, renew the love I had for you in the beginning. May the fondness I feel for everything else in life pale in comparison to my burning desire to know love You more. (Revelation 2:4-5, 3:15-17; Matthew 10:37; Mark 12:30)

E = ENTHUSIASM FOR WORSHIP

May my life be a sacrifice of praise to You, O God. May I enter Your gates with thanksgiving and come before Your presence with singing. Teach me to worship You in Spirit in truth—not just at church on Sundays, but all week long. (Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 34:1-3, 100:1-4; John 4:24)

V = VIGILANCE IN PRAYER

Teach me to pray without ceasing, boldly approaching the throne of grace in the power of the Holy Spirit. Help me not to be anxious, but to cast my cares at the foot of the cross, trusting Christ to intercede on my behalf. (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Peter 5:7; Romans 8:26, 34)

I = IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY

Create in me an insatiable hunger for Your Word, O God. Teach me to love it as I love life itself. Help me to hide its truths in my heart meditate upon it day and night. Make me a doer of the Word rather than a forgetful hearer. (Matthew 5:6; Psalm 119:97-98; James 1:23)

V = VICTORY OVER SIN

Help me to lay aside every encumbrance the sin that so easily entangles me. Keep me mindful of the fact that Jesus has purchased my freedom from sin—I'm no longer enslaved. Teach me to consider myself dead to sin but alive to You. (Hebrews 12:1; Romans 6:1-7)

A = AFFECTION FOR OTHERS

Jesus said people will know we are Christians by our love. Make that true in my life, O God! Teach me to value others above myself and to consider their needs as more important than my own. Make me a channel of blessing love others through me. (John 13:34-35; Philippians 2:2-4)

L = LIFE OF FAITH

Don't allow me to compartmentalize my faith, but let it influence inform every aspect of my life. Teach me to walk by faith, not by sight. May everything I am; all that I do bring glory and honor to You, Lord, point others to Jesus. (James 2:17-20; 2 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Corinthians 10:31)

A printable version of this prayer can be found [here](#).