

From Desolation to Restoration A Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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God can bring life, courage, and purpose out of places that appear hopeless. When God enters our desolate places (fear, discouragement, loss of hope, feeling forgotten, and spiritual dryness), He brings regeneration, restoration, transforming fearful people into courageous people for His purpose. When God breathes, what was dead can live again.

1. The Value of the Dry Bones (Eze. 37:1-14).

- 1.1. Ezekiel grew up in Judah and spent 25 years listening to the prophet Jeremiah. **God made Ezekiel a preacher.** Similarly, an elder must hold firmly to trustworthy teachings in sound doctrine (Titus 1:9). The leaders who labor preaching & teaching are worthy of double honor (1 Tim. 5:17).
- 1.2. Ezekiel was brought to a valley full of dry bones to show him what can happen next. The Israelites' **disobedience had opened the doors to oppression.** The people had lost their land and their sense of identity.
- 1.3. **When people turn away from God, destruction follows.** Sin affects individuals, families, communities, future generations. When God allows struggles, let us examine ourselves: are we faithful, walking in unity, respect, and love?
- 1.4. Can the dry bones come to life? Ezekiel did not know; **He simply trusted God, "Sovereign Lord, You alone know."**
- 1.5. **God speaks life in the dead places.** *"I will put my Spirit with you, that you may come to life."* Something amazing happened in four stages: bones came together; structure was formed; Spirit was breathed into them; they came alive and stood upright. God wants to revive us. A structure without the Spirit cannot give life. We must agree to walk with the Holy Spirit. We need the life of the Holy Spirit, the breath of God.
- 1.6. When God starts His work of restoration, He can rebuild, even in our sin. **God is still full of grace and mercy when we repent.** Sometimes we think people/friends will save us, but only the Holy Spirit can guide/direct and walk with us in our journey. When we do not know what to do (we feel hopeless, in a wounded relationship or discouraged), let us return to the Word of God and live it. All His promises will be fulfilled if we believe and act and obey (Rom. 10:17; Mk 4:16; Matt. 9:29; Jas. 2:17).

2. Gideon: faith determines triumphs and unimaginable outcomes (Judges 6 – 7).

- 2.1. Gideon was hiding, beating out wheat in the wine press. He was afraid of the Midianites, who took away everything. He felt insignificant, being the youngest in the family. However, God saw Gideon according to his destiny. **God called him, reassured him, empowered him, and gave him identity.**
- 2.2. **God meets us in our hiding place.** No one can hide from God, even in darkness. Our "wine press" may be our fear, where we are hiding. Fear may explain where we are; but it doesn't determine where we are going. God uses difficult occasions to choose leaders.
- 2.3. **God turned Gideon into a champion with identity, "The Lord is with you, O champion."** He learned to trust the strength of God. Obedience happens even when hands are shaking. Thus, let us listen and obey, then God will show us the way.
- 2.4. God does not need big numbers. Gideon was left with only 300 men to fight the Midianites. Reduction was not a punishment; rather, it was preparation for victory. **God delivered Midian into his power through three tools:**
 - 2.4.1. Trumpet: a call to courage (proclaim)
 - 2.4.2. Empty Jars: brokenness (surrender)
 - 2.4.3. Torches: light (shine)

CONCLUSION: What seems desolate is not necessarily destined to remain desolate. Don't declare a situation dead when God is not finished. He is always with us. God is in the business of cleansing, regenerating, and renewing a new heart. He only needs our availability, faith, and obedience. Let us worship and ask the Lord to breathe on us again.

REFLECTION:

1. What areas of your life need the breath of God (prayer life, family, ministry, relationship, and passion)?
2. Have you lost your passion for prayer? Talk to God daily so He can direct your path.
3. Is your heart still for service in your ministry? Are you physically present but spiritually distant from God?

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