

Ezekiel 37:1-14

“The power of God”

1. The condition (1-3)

- Ezekiel is taken in a “vision” by God into a valley, scattered with the bones of the dead.
- They are dry, and all flesh has gone
- They are totally dead – they can do nothing for themselves!
- God asks “*Son of man, can these bones live*”?
- Ezekiel answers, “I don’t know, but You know!”

2. The call (v4-10)

- Ezekiel is charged by God with preaching to these dry bones!
- “*O you dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!*”
- Does preaching (or speaking) God’s word feel like that today?
- But Ezekiel does what he has been asked to do...
- And God promises “*You shall live...*”

3. The response (v8-14)

- Ezekiel prophesies.... And there is an immediate reaction!
- There is trembling and shaking before God! (v7)
- But there is not yet *life* (v8).
- Then Ezekiel prophesies for the breath (spirit) of God to come and give them life (v9).... and they arise, a great army (v10).
- God will deliver the people out of captivity, and back to their land (v11-14)
- *“Then you shall know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it”* (v14)

4. The power of God...in salvation (Ephesians 2:1-10)

- We were *dead*...in trespasses and sins
- We were *disobedient*.. We lived according to the flesh
- We were *doomed*...we were by nature children of wrath
- ***But God...***
 -made us alive in Christ! (v4&5)
 - ...saved us by His grace (v8&9)
 - ...made us and has a purpose for our lives (v10)