



RESTORING WHAT ONCE WAS

READ EZEKIEL 37:1-14

THE BIG IDEA: There's always hope when God breathes new life into the dry bones of our lives.

- I. Sometimes God shows up in unlikely _____
 - A. God didn't take Ezekiel up on a high mountain overlooking a valley that was filled with bones. God took Ezekiel down into a valley and had him walk among the dry bones.
 - B. No matter how far away and disconnected and isolated we might feel... God shows up.

- II. Sometimes God asks unlikely _____
 - A. God asks Ezekiel, "Son of man, can these bones live?"
 - B. Sometimes we don't have the answer to a question – only God knows the answer.
 - C. If God shows up in unlikely places then maybe God can bring life into situations in our lives that appear to be way too dead for way too long to live again.

- III. Sometimes God asks us to do unlikely _____
 - A. God asked Elijah to prophesy to the dry bones.
 - B. God is also telling us to speak to those who feel cut-off, disconnected, separated, isolated, hopeless – speak to them with the breath of life that they would live again, that they would be freed to return to the Lord and return to the body!

- IV. Sometimes God asks us to have unlikely _____
 - A. If their bones could live again maybe our bones can live again.
 - B. Maybe God can breathe new life into the barrenness of our lives and we can restore what once was by the grace of God.