



Bible Study

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(Part V)

Introduction

In Tim Sheets' book, *Planting the Heavens: Releasing the Authority of the Kingdom Through Your Words, Prayers, and Declarations*, he states "Words are very powerful. They effect change. They loose power. They release potential. They instruct. They release strategies that can be acted upon. God shows from the very beginning the vital importance and power of words." This lesson, along with the others, is an infusion and an inspiration of the courage necessary to change our world, especially through our words. I'm sure you will agree that we are living in unprecedented times where it seems that this world is spinning out of control and into a chaotic state. If that's the case, brothers and sisters, you and I have got to put into action the Word of God to bring about change and transformation. This lesson today speaks to us very clearly about how *real* and *relevant* the Word of God is, *especially* when spoken by the *people* of God concerning our conditions.

I. Look at the POSITION in which you've been PLACED

Ezekiel 37:1-2

ESV	NLT
¹ The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.	¹ The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones.
² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.	² He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out.

II. Look at the POSTURE of the PEOPLE

Ezekiel 37:2

ESV	NLT
² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.	² He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out.

III. Look at where the POWER has been PLACED

Ezekiel 37:1

ESV	NLT
¹ The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.	¹ The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones.

Ezekiel 37:4

ESV	NLT
⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.	⁴ Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord

A. God has given us INSIGHT

Ezekiel 37:2

ESV	NLT
² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.	² He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out.

B. God has given us INSTRUCTIONS

Ezekiel 37:4

ESV	NLT
⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.	⁴ Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord

C. God has given us INFUSION

Ezekiel 37:7

ESV	NLT
⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.	⁷ So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons.

IV. Look at the PROGRESS from your PROPHECY

A. God gives the REVELATION

Ezekiel 37:11

ESV	NLT
¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'	¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, 'We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.'

B. God brings forth RESURRECTION

Ezekiel 37:12

ESV	NLT
¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.	¹² Therefore, prophesy to them and say, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

C. God gives RENEWAL

Ezekiel 37:14

ESV	NLT
¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."	¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the Lord has spoken!"

D. God gives REIMBURSEMENT

Ezekiel 37:14

ESV	NLT
¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."	¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the Lord has spoken!"

E. God wants the RECOGNITION

Ezekiel 37:13

ESV	NLT
¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.	¹³ When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the Lord

Ezekiel 37:14

ESV	NLT
¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."	¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the Lord has spoken!"