

REVIVED for Purpose!
How Do You See Life? – Part 2
Ezekiel 37:1–14 (NIV)
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The hand of the LORD was on me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.” Ezekiel 37:1–3 (NIV)

We live Revived for Purpose WHEN:

1. We See Ourselves Honestly

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; Put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts;
²⁴ And see if there is any hurtful way in me and lead me in the everlasting way. Psalm 139:23–24 (NASB)

¹⁷ You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked...¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Revelation 3:17&19 (NIV)

Spiritual Truth: Before God can revive us, He must reveal us.

2. We Take on God's Perspective - it changes everything!

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 (NIV)

³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will certainly prevail over it.” ³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people.” Numbers 13:30–33 (NASB)

Spiritual Truth: Like Caleb, revived people see obstacles as opportunities for God to work.

3. We Hear and Respond to God's Voice

My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. John 10:27 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22 (NIV)

Spiritual Truth: Information alone doesn't produce revival; obedient faith does.

4. We Live with Renewed Purpose

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you... 2 Timothy 1:6 (NIV)

Spiritual Truth: God restores us not just for our benefit, but so we can bless others and advance His kingdom.