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CHANGE YOUR WORDS AND CHANGE YOUR LIFE

LESSON 8 // SPEAKING LIFE—PART 2

Big Idea: From Ezekiel 37:1-10 we learn that as we focus on God and His power, we can speak words that bring life into dead situations. To experience this kind of resurrection power, we must engage our words in the process. And we need to understand that this doesn't always happen immediately because miracles often unfold gradually and require persistence.

Ezekiel 37:1-10 (NIV) *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." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!' ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet — a vast army.*

Group Discussion:

This weekend we continued learning about the power of our words and speaking life over things, even in the midst of what seems impossible. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

To experience resurrection power, we must engage our words in the process. We know God is all-powerful and all-knowing. Why do you think He chooses to engage us in the process?

Proverbs 18:21 says "the tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences." Why do you think it's often easier to speak death rather than life?

Miracles often unfold gradually and require persistence. Read and reflect on **2 Kings 13:14-19** together. What are some reasons we give up or give in too early?

God specializes in turning dead things to life. Have someone Read **1 Corinthians 15:50-57**. What is something you can pray for or speak life over this week?

Prayer Focus:

Break into smaller groups to encourage depth of sharing things that need life-giving prayers and then pray for one another.

Leader Tip:

Take what each person shared above for prayer and send it out to all group members this week. Commit to praying for and with one another. Encourage group members to share testimonies along the way.