



ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RENEWAL PRAYER RESOURCE

SCRIPTURE (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Vision of the Dry Bones

1 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he led me out in the spirit of the LORD and set me in the center of the broad valley. It was filled with bones. 2 He made me walk among them in every direction. So many lay on the surface of the valley! How dry they were! 3 He asked me: Son of man, can these bones come back to life? "Lord GOD," I answered, "you alone know that." 4 Then he said to me: Prophecy over these bones, and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Listen! I will make breath enter you so you may come to life. 6 I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put breath into you so you may come to life. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. 7 I prophesied as I had been commanded. A sound started up, as I was prophesying, rattling like thunder. The bones came together, bone joining to bone. 8 As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh grew over them, skin covered them on top, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me: Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man! Say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: From the four winds come, O breath, and breathe into these slain that they may come to life. 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath entered them; they came to life and stood on their feet, a vast army. 11 He said to me: Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel! They are saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope is lost, and we are cut off." 12 Therefore, prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: Look! I am going to open your graves; I will make you come up out of your graves, my people, and bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 You shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people! 14 I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. I have spoken; I will do it—says the LORD.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read the whole of Ezekial 37:1-14

What word(s) speak to me today? What do I think God is trying to say to me through this passage?

Read Ezekial 37:1

Do I experience in these years of Renewal that the hand of the Lord has been upon me? How?

Read Ezekial 37:1-2

What places has the Spirit of God led me that have resembled the Valley of Dry Bones?

Read Ezekial 37:3

What signs of hope do I see that make me believe that situations are coming to life?

Read Ezekial 37:4-5

The Spirit is breathing upon me – How do I experience that the Spirit of God is breathing on me in my daily life? – Come Holy Spirit

Read Ezekial 37:6-7 & also Psalm 104:30

The Word of God renews us – As I listen to the Word, how do I experience the Holy Spirit renewing my life?

Read Ezekial 37:9-10 & also Romans 10:9-18

How do I respond to the invitation to be a witness (prophecy) in those situations that have no life? What holds me back?

Read Ezekial 37:10-11

In your first steps of your missionary disciple work, where have you seen first signs of life, the fruit of being a witness, in your life or in the life of others that you serve?

Read Ezekial 37:12-14

God is faithful to His promises – Name, with gratitude, situations in your life where you have experienced the joy of the Resurrection?