

Live

A Dream

I saw myself speaking over a group of people to “live” repeatedly. As I was speaking life over this group of people, I could also see dynamic manifestations of those hearing the message of life greatly impacted by the word of the Lord. As I saw and heard this good news pronouncement life coming to an end, I saw another group of people coming from what appeared to be behind me on a platform speaking a very different message. As I started to walk away, I saw myself being discouraged and disappointed because of the other message or agenda being released to the same group of people.

As I woke up, I remembered the passage in Ezekiel about the valley of dry bones spoken of in the book of Ezekiel. I understood as I meditated on this dream and the scripture in Ezekiel 37 and other passages, we are called to deliver the message to people even though there will other messages and agendas by those around us. Like Ezekiel, we must prophesy as the Spirit of the Lord directs in all kinds of scenarios. Jesus was led by the Spirit into situations where he taught but others have other agendas, too. He taught and healed on the Sabbath and many rejoiced, but others were filled with madness or accusing him of speaking blasphemies (Luke 5:17-26).

Can These Bones Live?

-Prophecy to the Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-8 ¹ The **hand of the LORD** was upon me, and **carried me out in the spirit of the LORD**, and set me down in the midst of the **valley which was full of bones**, ² And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were **very many in the open valley**; and, lo, they were **very dry**. ³ And he said unto me, Son of man, **can these bones live?** And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. ⁴ Again he said unto me, **Prophecy upon these bones**, and say unto them, O ye **dry bones**, **hear [shama]the word of the LORD. [Yahweh]** ⁵ Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause **breath [ruwach]** to enter into you, and ye shall **live**: ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put **breath [ruwach]** in you, and ye shall **live**; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. ⁷ So **I prophesied as I was commanded**: and as **I prophesied**, there was **a noise**, and behold **a shaking**, and the **bones came together**, bone to his bone. ⁸ And when I **beheld, [ra'ah]** lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no **breath [ruwach]** in them.

-Prophecy to the Wind/Ruwach

Ezekiel 37:9-14 ⁹ Then said he unto me, **Prophecy unto the wind, [ruwach]** prophesy, son of man, and say to the **wind, [ruwach]** Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four **winds, [ruwach]** O **breath, [ruwach]** and **breathe [ruwach]** upon these slain, that they may **live**. ¹⁰ So **I prophesied as he commanded** me, and the **breath [ruwach]** came into them, and they **lived**, and **stood** up upon their feet, an **exceeding great army**. ¹¹ Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, **Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: [abad - to wander away, lose oneself, to perish]** we are **cut off for our parts**. ¹² Therefore **prophesy and say unto them**, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I

have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,¹⁴ And shall put **my spirit [ruwach] in you, and ye shall live, [See Ezekiel 47 and John 7:38 – River, Out of Our Belly Flows Rivers of Living Water]** and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the **LORD [Yahweh]** have spoken it, and performed it, **saith the LORD. [Yahweh]**

The Spirit of Life

Romans 8:1-9 ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit. [pneuma]** ² For the law of the **Spirit of life [zoe from zao – to live]** in Christ Jesus hath made me **free** from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who **walk not** after the flesh, but **after the Spirit. [pneuma]** ⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind [*phroneo* from *phren* -to exercise the mind, or have sentiment or opinion to be mentally disposed in a certain direction, to interest oneself in with concern or obedience] the things of the flesh; but they that are **after the Spirit [pneuma]** the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be **carnally minded [sarx phronema]** is death; but to be **spiritually minded [pneuma phronema]** is **life [zoe] and peace.** ⁷ Because the **carnal mind [sarx phronema]** is **enmity [sarx phronema] [hostile, in opposition]** against God: for it is not **subject [hypotasso – to be subordinate, to obey]** to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ⁸ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but **in the Spirit, [pneuma]** if so be that the **Spirit of God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not the **Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his.

Revelation 11:3-13 ³ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. ⁴ These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. ⁵ And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. ⁶ These have **power [exousia]** to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have **power [exousia]** over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. ⁷ And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the **bottomless pit** shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. ⁸ And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. ⁹ And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. ¹⁰ And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. ¹¹ And after three days and an half the **Spirit of life** from God entered into them, and they **stood upon their feet**; and **great fear** fell upon them which saw them. ¹² And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. ¹³ And the same hour was there **a great earthquake**, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the **remnant** were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Teaching in the Presence of Enemies

-Scribes, Pharisees, and Doctors of the Law

Luke 5:17-26 ¹⁷ And it came to pass on a **certain day**, as he was **teaching**, that there were **Pharisees** and **doctors of the law** sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the **power** [*dunamis*] of the Lord was present to **heal** [*iaomai – to cure*] them. ¹⁸ And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. ¹⁹ And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. ²¹ And the **scribes** and the **Pharisees** began to reason, saying, Who is this which **speaketh blasphemies**? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? ²² But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? ²³ Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? ²⁴ But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. ²⁶ And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were **filled with fear**, saying, We have seen **strange** [*paradoxos*] things to day.

John 8:28-37 ²⁸ Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath **taught** me, I speak these things. ²⁹ And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. ³⁰ As he spake these words, many believed on him. ³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye **my disciples** indeed; ³² And ye shall know the **truth**, and the truth shall make you **free**. ³³ They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? ³⁴ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. ³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. ³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but **ye seek to kill me**, because my word hath no place in you. (See John 8:44 – Enemy, A Murderer from the Beginning)

-Paul, Prayer, and a Spirit of Divination

Acts 16:16-24 ¹⁶ And it came to pass, as we went to **prayer**, [*proseuche*] a certain damsel possessed with a **spirit** [*pneuma*] of **divination** met us, which brought her masters **much gain** by soothsaying: ¹⁷ The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. ¹⁸ And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and **said to the spirit**, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. ¹⁹ And when her masters saw that the hope of their **gains was gone**, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, ²⁰ And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly **trouble** [**to disturb wholly**] our city, ²¹ And **teach** customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

²² And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to **beat** them. ²³ And when they had **laid many stripes upon them**, they cast them into **prison**, charging the jailor to keep them safely: ²⁴ Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the **inner prison**, and made their **feet fast in the stocks**.

Teaching About *Proseuche* Prayer and Destruction

Mark 11:15-19 ¹⁵ And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; ¹⁶ And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. ¹⁷ And he **taught**, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be **called [kaleo]** of all nations the house of **prayer?** [*proseuche*] but ye have made it a den of thieves. ¹⁸ And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might **destroy** him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. ¹⁹ And when even was come, he went out of the city.

Teaching on the Sabbath

-A Man with Withered Right Hand

Luke 6:6-11 ⁶ And it came to pass also on **another sabbath**, that he entered into the synagogue and **taught**: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. ⁷ And the scribes and Pharisees **watched [paratereo - to inspect alongside, to note insidiously or scrupulously]** him, whether he would **heal [therapeuo]** on the sabbath day; that they might find an **accusation [a complaint, criminal charge]** against him. ⁸ But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. ⁹ Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? ¹⁰ And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was **restored whole** as the other. ¹¹ And they were **filled with madness**; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

-A Woman with a Spirit of Infirmity

Luke 13:10-17 ¹⁰ And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And, behold, there was a woman which had **a spirit of infirmity [astheneia]** eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. ¹² And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. ¹³ And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. ¹⁴ And the **ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation**, because that Jesus had **healed [therapeuo]** on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be **healed, [therapeuo]** and not on the sabbath day. ¹⁵ The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou **hypocrite**, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom **Satan hath bound**, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? ¹⁷ And when he had said these

things, all his **adversaries** [*antikeimai*] **were ashamed**: [**Shaming Adversaries**] and all the **people rejoiced** [**People Rejoicing**] for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Teaching of Early Church

Acts 4:1-4 ¹ And as they spake unto the people, the **priests**, and the **captain of the temple**, and the **Sadducees**, came upon them, ² Being **grieved** [**to toil through, be worried**] that they **taught** the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. ⁴ Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

Acts 4:18-22 ¹⁸ And they called them, and **commanded them not to speak** at all nor **teach** in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. ²¹ So when they had **further threatened** [**to menace additionally**] them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done. ²² For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

Acts 5:40-42 ⁴⁰ And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and **beaten** them, they **commanded that they should not speak** in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. ⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, **they ceased not to teach** and preach Jesus Christ.

Acts 18:5-11 ⁵ And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, **Paul** was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. ⁶ And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. ⁷ And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. ⁸ And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. ⁹ Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a **vision**, **Be not afraid**, but speak, and hold not thy peace: ¹⁰ For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to **hurt** [**to injure, to exasperate**] thee: for I have much people in this city. ¹¹ And he continued there a year and six months, **teaching** the word of God among them. [Paul: Teaching House to House – Acts 20:17-21]