God will revive you | Dream Team conference session 1

Welcome to session 1 of our Dream Team conference! | Our first one, and I'm excited for the chance to open God's word, pour into you for a little bit, and then enjoy an after–party together.

Preaching and iPad died story | That iPad had been doing its job all week–sermon prep, notes, emails, everything.

I was pulling from it constantly, but never stopped to plug it back in. I was drawing from it without ever thinking about what it needed to keep going. It ran out, because I was taking from it without ever recharging it.

DT members know the feeling, not about an iPad, but about themselves. You said yes to serving because something in you came alive when you did. You found your place, you found your people, and it felt like exactly what you were made for. | But somewhere between that first yes and today, something got quiet. You're still showing up, doing the thing. But if you're honest, you've been serving from a tank that hasn't been filled in a while because life happened.

Giving without being recharged | Pouring out without being poured into.

Old school church would throw out this word "revival."

I believe God wants to do something in you this weekend before He does anything else through you.

Context of Ezekiel 37- He's been preaching to spiritually dead people who don't listen because they can't– drained

"The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones. 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. Then He asked me, **'Son of man, can these bones become living people again?'** 'O Sovereign Lord,' I replied, 'You alone know the answer to that.'" Ezekiel 37:1-3 NLT

God doesn't just show Ezekiel one pile of bones, He leads him all around the valley. He wants Ezekiel to see the full extent of it. | The deadness, dryness, scattering, the silence where there used to be life. | He's asking us the same question tonight —

Can dead things in your life come alive again? | zeal for the Lord, Marriage conflict, secret sin

Passion for ministry that used to feel electric and now feels like an obligation | A dream you quit mentioning because it just hasn't happened | A relationship, hope, something you've mentally filed under "that's just not going to work out."

Whatever your valley looks like | whatever is dry and scattered and silent in you | God is walking you through it tonight and asking the same question He asked Ezekiel. | At least Ezekiel is honest… Only you, God, know the answer to that

God answers him

"Then He said to me, '**Speak a prophetic message** to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" Ezekiel 37:4-6 NLT

This is interesting because why would God ask you to do what He has the ability to do Himself? Partnership!

Revival comes through you | He says, "SPEAK" | God does this in creation, but I need you to see that He instructs Ezekiel to begin to speak over the things that are dead in His life. | Life and death are in the power of the tongue

Revival doesn't just happen to you–God has designed it to move through you. The posture He's looking for isn't passive, it's participatory | He's not asking Ezekiel to figure out how to raise the dead, He's just asking him to speak what he's been given. | This is freeing because your job isn't to manufacture revival–your job is to stay close enough to God that when He gives you something to say, you say it.

What has God been speaking over your life that you've stopped declaring? What promise, what direction, what word have you let go of because the valley just looked too dry for it to matter anymore? This is your moment to speak over it.

In seasons of revival, it's important not to say anything other than what you've been commanded to – Jesus models this

"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. Then, as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them. Then He said to me, 'Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, O breath,

from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.'' So I spoke the message **as He commanded me**, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—**a great army**." Ezekiel 37:7-10 NLT

Ezekiel only says what he's been commanded to say | He doesn't add his own commentary or look around at the valley and start explaining to God why this probably won't work. | When Ezekiel speaks, there's a rattling. Things start moving | There's a gap to complete but there's movement! Bones finding bones–structure forming, and then God speaks and out of a dead valley stands up as a great army.

Revival raises up an army | Revival starts with me but it never just stays with me. | Obedience produces revival and then revival moves into the world around you | Many people turned revival into this gathering where the lost become found but revival was always bring something back to life… it's reminding "the found" of what God has the ability to still do–after salvation

God doesn't want to just a few revived individuals–He's raising up a *revived army*. Revival isn't just personal.

What God does in you has a ripple effect on everyone around you. When you get revived, you don't just get your spark back–you become a catalyst for the people standing next to you. That's why this room matters tonight.

What God does in *you* this weekend has the potential to change what He does *through* you for years to come.

An army isn't just a collection of individuals who got their personal breakthrough–an army is an organized, unified force with a shared mission. There's a difference between someone who is personally revived and an army that is collectively dangerous. God's goal in this valley was never just that a few bones would find each other and be grateful. His goal was that what came out of that valley would be capable of doing something great–together! **He's reviving HIS PEOPLE**

"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.' 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. When this happens, O My people, you will

know that I am the Lord. 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!’” Ezekiel 37:11-14 NLT

God revives to restore | Band

The people said *all hope is gone* | They're not just discouraged, they're declaring defeat. They had looked at their situation long enough that they started speaking finality over it. | God's response isn't to argue with their assessment, It's to speak a completely different future over them. He doesn't say *things aren't that bad.* He says, “*I will open your graves. I will cause you to rise again. I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again.*”

God doesn't revive you just so you can feel better. **He revives you so He can *restore* you to the place and purpose He always had in mind.** The goal of revival isn't just that you get your energy back, it's that you get brought back to what you were made for. Back to the land, the calling, and to the version of yourself that's fully alive in Him.

Notice how He closes it ***"Yes, the Lord has spoken."*** God is staking His own name on this promise. The same God who walked Ezekiel through that valley, who commanded dead bones to live, who raised an army out of silence is yours

So I want to give God room to do what only He can do right now. | We're going to invite our prayer team and leaders to come, and I want to ask you to be honest with God about whatever is dead in you.

Bring it to Him tonight. He walked Ezekiel through the whole valley before anything came to life–He's not afraid of what's dry in you–He's been waiting to speak over it.

Prayer for revival in our lives and our community | Prayer team/leaders praying over people for God to revive dead hopes, dreams, passions, relationships