l. **Ez 37:1-**

A. **V1-2** -

- 1. **Valley** Low place or depression between ranges of mountains or hills.
- 2. **Bones** Represent death; No life or hope of life. Finality
 - a) Bones were once people represent the condition of people's lives

B. **Condition** - Very Dry

a) People that are depressed, ashamed, confused, disappointed, sad, unhappy, unfulfilled, shriveled up, cracked and broken

C. Position -

- a) God wants to get us into position to make the greatest impact on our surroundings or circle of influence.
 - (1) God's POSITION leads to God's PROVISION

D. Solution -

- 1. God doesn't ask us to simply identify the problem God invites us to be a part of the solution.
- 2. "Brought me out IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD"
 - a) <u>Word</u> <u>Eph 5:26</u> 26 (speaking of the church) that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the <u>washing</u> of water by the word,
 - (1) <u>Washing</u> *loutron* to bath the whole body, immersion
 - b) Holy Spirit Dry things need the water of the Holy Spirit
 - (1) <u>John 7:37-39</u> 37 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

c) Did Jesus need the Holy Spirit to impact change?

(1) <u>Luke 4:18</u> 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

d) Did the disciples need the Holy Spirit to impact change?

- (1) Acts 1:4-5 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
- (2) <u>Acts 1:8</u> 8 But you shall receive <u>power</u> when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth

(a) <u>Witnesses</u> - martus — martyr - One who has died because of their beliefs; One who testifies of what they have seen.

3. True Witnesses will help bring a solution to conditions.

- a) Jesus and John the Baptist's disciples
 - (1) <u>Luke 7:22-23</u> 22 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. 23 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

II. <u>Ez 37:3</u> - What is our response to His question?

A. Can do vs. Will do

1. <u>Matt 8:2-3</u> 2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

B. God Knows but can We know?

- 1. **Eph 5:17** 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
 - a) <u>Understand</u> *suniemi* From two words that means to "to bring or put together". To use one's capacity for understanding and arrive at an insight.

III. <u>V4</u> - Solution Implementation

- A. **Prophesy** naba' Speak or sing by inspiration of
 - 1. <u>2 Cor 4:13-14</u> 13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.
 - 2. Mark 11:22-24 22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.