

# SHIFTING WINDS

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## I. Ezekiel 37:1-10

A. **V4** - God's pattern to Ezekiel to bring dead things to life. Ours too?

1. **Prophecy** - *naba'* - Speak or sing by inspiration of God, saying or singing what God is saying.

(1) **Prov 18:20-21** 20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled. 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

b) **V4 - First step** — “**WHERE**” - DIRECTION to speak-

(1) “**TO**” your situation instead of “**ABOUT**” your situation.

c) **V4-6 - Second step - WHAT** - “what we speak”

(1) “Hear the Word of the LORD!” - We have to speak “His Words”

(2) **His Word**:

(a) Reveals His will

(b) Releases His power

(c) **Jer 1:12** AMP 12 Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.

(d) **Heb 1:3** 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power,

(e) **Heb 11:3** 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

## B. **V7** - 3rd Step in the Process - **HOW** - How we Speak!

1. Two applications:

- a) "As" - Like He told me to - How to do it
- b) "As I was commanded" - I responded to his commandment

2. **How** - Our responsibility - "Response"-ability to His will; our ability to respond to His will for us

a) Ex: Being born again - Salvation

b) God's will for people where salvation is concerned-

- (1) **2 Peter 3:9** 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**
- (2) **Eph 2:8-9** 8 For by grace you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- (3) **Rom 10:9-13** 9 that "**if**" you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "**Whoever** believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew

and Greek, for the same Lord over **all** is rich to **all** who call upon Him. 13 For "**whoever** calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

C. **V7 - Suddenly** -

1. **Isa 48:3** 3 "I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.

D. **V8-10** - No breath?

1. **As I looked** - The process started but then stopped, hit a snag, a speed bump a road block, etc.

(1) **Matt 14:28-30** 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

2. Ezekiel began to see things happening or NOT happening and stopped speaking.

a) **2 Cor 5:7** 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight

b) **Heb 12:2** 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

c) **Phil 1:6** 6 Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ

d) **Heb 10:23** 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.