#### Dare.To.Pray. Bring to Life What Once Was Dead PASTOR CRAIG SWEENEY October 18, 2020

Week 1: I DARE YOU TO PRAY - Awaken the hearts of our generation to Jesus. Week 2: I DARE YOU TO PRAY - That God would bring to life what once was dead.

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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.' (Ezekiel 37:10–11 NLT)

#### What does God reveal about you and Himself?

God has to show us.

Time well spent.

God's WORDS matter.

There is a TIME to speak WORDS of LIFE over what is DEAD.

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\_\_\_\_\_ to Ezekiel's faith:

- "Prophesy" Speak God's words/Heart over your "dry bones."
- What is dying inside of you?
- What, about your life, needs the breath of God?
- What truth are you having trouble holding onto?
- You can speak the truth with FAITH to the lies that are killing you!
- God is challenging you to speak His \_\_\_\_\_ over your dry bones!

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by \_\_\_\_\_ God begins to move.

... though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy.

<sup>2</sup> At this time Aramean raiders had invaded the land of Israel, and among their captives was a young girl who had been given to Naaman's wife as a maid. <sup>3</sup> One day the girl said to her mistress, "I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy."

So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy."

<sup>11</sup> But Naaman **became angry and stalked away**. **"I thought** he would certainly come out to meet me!" he said. **"I expected** him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the Lord his God and heal me! <sup>12</sup> Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them and be healed?" So Naaman turned and went away in a rage.

<sup>13</sup> But his officers tried to reason with him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!'" <sup>14</sup> So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and

dipped himself **seven times**, as **the man of God had instructed him**. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and **he was healed**!

"Go in peace," Elisha said. So Naaman started home again." (2 Kings 5:1-19 NLT)

God does what He \_\_\_\_\_\_ to do when He intends to do it.

#### How are the DEAD revived?

- The SPIRIT of God comes to the DRY BONES and makes His heart known.
  - Rev 21:5 "Look, I AM making all things new"
  - Eph 2:10 "Created anew in Christ"
  - John 3 "You must be born again"
- The dead surrender to His \_\_\_\_\_\_.
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Dare to PRAY: Bring to life what once was dead

- ★ Text \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_ to get a list of these lies and the truths that God speaks over you along with the verses.
- ★ This week I DARE YOU to PRAY that God would bring to life what once was dead.

## Challenge:

- In your life... what is dead/dying?
  - It's time to ask for a mountain to be moved.
  - Bring to life what once was dead.
- Increase my faith!

Next Week: God responds to Ezekiel's faith.

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