



# KNOWING GOD

A STUDY  
OF THE  
BOOK OF EZEKIEL

KNOWING

REVIVAL

EZEKIEL 37

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A

CHURCH

THAT

PRAYS

**Send Your Holy Spirit now for Christ's sake to...**

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your bulletin.
- Our College Students, and our small group led by Ian Veary.
- All first responders serving on front lines against COVID.
- Our church plant, WordServe.
- Sister church, Real Hope Community Church and Pastor Ryan Lokkesmoe.
- The Af\*ar of Ethiopia.

**We ask all this for the glory of Your name.**

Please pray for this request shared during last week's worship service.

**Pray for  
others**

# **Knowing God**

## **“Knowing Revival” – Ezekiel 37**

### **November 28, 2021**

### **Our Sermon Series**

| <b>KNOWING GOD</b>                    |                  |                                 |               |             |
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| <i>A Study of the Book of Ezekiel</i> |                  |                                 |               |             |
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| Judah's Foes                          | During the Siege | Knowing Our Pride               | Ezekiel 25-32 | Nov 7       |
| Judah's Future                        | After the Siege  | Knowing the Good Shepherd       | Ezekiel 33-34 | Nov 14      |
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|                                       |                  | Knowing the Future              | Ezekiel 40-48 | Dec 12      |

### **Main Idea**

Our God \_\_\_\_\_ the dead and divided through the truth of His Word and the power of His Spirit (Form & Fire)

**God Revives by Bringing the \_\_\_\_\_ to Life (37:1-14)**

### **Part 1: The Condition (37:1-3,11)**

- God shows Ezekiel human death on a mass scale
- Three things to notice about these bones (verse 2):
  - “Very many”
  - “Very dry”
  - “Surface of the valley”
- **Deuteronomy 28:25-26** – *The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies... And your dead body shall be food for all the birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away.*
- God is being abundantly clear: Israel is totally dead

Application #1 – Many times we are faced with seemingly hopeless situations where we are confronted with a similar question: “Can life come from this? Is there any hope?”

## Part 2: The \_\_\_\_\_ (37:4-6)

- God tells Ezekiel to “prophesy to the bones” – Absurd!
- Prophesy = *To speak with divine inspiration, proclaiming what God wants to make known, but is yet unknown*
- No spells. No magic. Just words that God wants him to say.
- But God’s command is always paired with a promise:
  - Verse 4 – God’s Word of Command
  - Verses 5-6 – God’s Word of Promise
- Begs the question: *Would you have obeyed this?*
- EM Bounds about David Brainerd: “He was God’s man... and God’s will could flow through him unhindered.”
- Landon Dowden: “What are we seeing God do because we believe Him and obey Him? What are we *missing* out on because we do not?”

Application #2 – How do you react to the promptings of God’s Spirit? How do you respond to God’s command?

## Part 3: The Action (37:7-10)

- Sure enough... Ezekiel obeyed.
- And sure enough... God acted in power.
- Two Parts:
  - Prophecy to the Bones: Bones to Flesh (v. 7-8)
  - Prophecy to the Breath: Bones to Life (v. 9-10)
- Hebrew word: “\_\_\_\_\_” – Used 4 different ways in this chapter

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| “ <i>Spirit of Yahweh</i> ” | Verses 1, 14       |
| “ <i>Human breath</i> ”     | Verses 5, 6, 8, 10 |
| “ <i>Powerful wind</i> ”    | Verse 9            |
| “ <i>Divine breath</i> ”    | Verse 9            |

- Christopher Wright – “The revival of Israel will be nothing less than the recreation of humanity.”
- **Genesis 2:7** – *Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*
- Similar structure:
  - God formed out of the dust
  - God breathed the breath of life
- Just like Adam, and just like this army of dry bones, we need the breath of life (“*rûah*”) to live. Otherwise, we are just lifeless corpses.
- **Revelation 3:1** – *I know your works. You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.*
- **John 6:63** – *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.*

Application #3 – We are often lifeless corpses: we look alive, but we are dead. Where do you need the “*rûah*” of God breathed into your life?

## Part 4: The \_\_\_\_\_ (37:11-14)

- “Dead, dry bones” = Whole Jewish Nation (Israel & Judah)
- “Graves” = Nations where the Jews were scattered
- Christopher Wright: “Exile in the pagan, enemy land of Babylon was a living death. They might as well have been in a cemetery.”
- God’s people believed God was finished with them. They received the curses of the covenant, and they felt cut off. But God had a different plan!
- Warren Wiersbe: “The children of Israel will come together, but the nation will not have spiritual life until they see their Messiah, believe on Him, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit of Life.”
- Christopher Wright: “The redemption, revival and resurrection of Israel are embodied in the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah.”
- **Ephesians 2:4-5** – *But God, being rich in mercy... made us alive, together with Christ.*
- **John 20:22** – *And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”*
- **Romans 8:11** – *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

Application #4 – Through Christ, we can now be made alive! Have you surrendered your life to Christ and received the Spirit of Life?

## God Revives by Unifying the \_\_\_\_\_ (37:15-28)

### *Ezekiel’s last “Action Sermon” – Two Sticks*

- *For Joseph:* Northern Kingdom (Israel) – Defeated by Assyria
- *For Judah:* Southern Kingdom (Judah) – Exiled in Babylon

### *God Will Go to Great Lengths to Unify His People:*

- He will gather, save & cleanse them (Verses 21-23)
- He will set a Shepherd over them (Verses 24-25)
- He will make a Covenant of Peace with them (Verse 26)
- He will place His dwelling with them (Verses 27-28)

### *God Wants His People to be United*

- Christopher Wright – “If death can be reversed, so can division.”
- But it is just as drastic. This is *not* cheesy, fraudulent unity. This *not* unity at the expense of truth. We are in desperate need for the kind of unity that only the power of the Holy Spirit can produce.
- **John 17:20-21** – *“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

Application #5: Do you long for this kind of unity with your brothers and sisters in the faith?

# Revival: Form + Fire

## “Reappearing Church” by Mark Sayers

- Renewal – *The refreshment, release, and advancement experienced when one is realigned with the presence of God.*
  - Personal renewal precedes corporate renewal.
- Revival – *When renewal goes viral*
- True revival cannot be manipulated and cannot be explained.
- Two Parts to Revival: *Form & Fire*

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### \_\_\_\_\_ : *The Truth of God’s Word*

- Everyone is forming their life on something: politics, family, education, financial security, sports, popularity, physical health
- God’s Word forms us in the way of Jesus.
- **Matthew 7:24-25** – *Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.*

Application #6: What are you being formed by? Do you have a plan to daily get into God’s Word in 2022?

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### \_\_\_\_\_ : *The Power of God’s Spirit*

- In scripture, fire symbolizes God’s presence and power.
- We need the “*rûah*” of God to breathe life into our dead bones.
- **1 Corinthians 4:20** – *For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.*
- **1 Thessalonians 1:5** – *Our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.*
- Warren Wiersbe: “From time to time, in response to His people’s prayers, the Lord has seen fit to send a new *breath of life* to His church and His servants. And for that blessing we should be praying today.”
- Leonard Ravenhill: “The only reason we don’t have revival is we are willing to live without it! Revival delays because prayer decays. No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players, but few pray-ers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere.”

Application #7: Are you desperate to be renewed by the truth of God’s Word and the power of God’s Spirit? Are you willing to keep praying for this revival until it comes in power?

# Christmas Eve

at Grace Fellowship

## CINCO RANCH CAMPUS

**Friday, December 24, 10AM**

**Family Christmas Service:** This is a special, family-friendly Christmas Eve service designed for children and their parents in the main Worship Center. Experience fun kids worship and the Christmas Story.

**1, 3, or 5PM**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:**

Three identical candlelight services in our main Worship Center with a Christmas message and with special Christmas music. No Childcare provided.

## NORTH KATY CAMPUS

**Friday Night, December 24, 7PM**

**Christmas Service:** One bilingual, family service with a Christmas message and with special Christmas music. Children welcome.

# Our Gift to You!

Quiet Time Journals are our  
**FREE** gift to you!

Pick yours up after both services on December 5.



# Adult Ministries

# Kids Ministry

## Discipleship

**Groups at Grace:** Make groups a priority in 2022!

**Friendships are found. Scripture is studied. Prayers are prayed. The gospel is shared.**

Visit [WhatsGrace.org/Adults](https://WhatsGrace.org/Adults) for more info on small groups, or email [GraceGroups@WhatsGrace.org](mailto:GraceGroups@WhatsGrace.org).

## Care

**Open Registration for Care Ministries**

**DivorceCare**  
**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**  
**GriefShare**  
**Marriage Matters**

For more information and registration, please visit [WhatsGrace.org/Care](https://WhatsGrace.org/Care).

**Anonymous Angels:** A Ministry that blesses our members at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have many members struggling with job loss, serious illness or a family crisis and we invite you to prayerfully partner with Care Ministry to bless these families! Call the Care Ministry at 281-646-1903 or stop by the Care Kiosk if you have any questions.

**Need confidential care? Contact Care Pastor Cindi Lomax at [CLomax@WhatsGrace.org](mailto:CLomax@WhatsGrace.org).**

## Missions

**25 Blessings:** To learn more and register, visit [WhatsGrace.org/Local-Missions](https://WhatsGrace.org/Local-Missions).

**Merry Christmas with Camden Downs, Dec. 11, 1:30—4:30PM.** Share the joy, hope and blessings that we have in Jesus with those who may not know Him at all. This is a family-friendly serving event!

**Provide for the Under-resourced in Our Community Through a Christmas Toy Drive!** Now through Dec. 12 (in partnership with Student, Kids and Preschool Ministries). Serve at the Brookshire Hangar "toy store" on Dec. 17!

**Pray for Grace Fellowship's Adopted UPGs!** First Sundays at 12:30 in the Ministry Building, room M207—family friendly! Sign up to receive prayer prompts via text at [WhatsGrace.org/Missions](https://WhatsGrace.org/Missions).

## Prayer

**Hour of Prayer:** The prayer center is now offering one hour prayer sessions as we partner with God to build the House of Prayer one hour at a time. Visit [WhatsGrace.org/Prayer](https://WhatsGrace.org/Prayer) to choose your hour of prayer.

**Healing Prayer:** Today from 10:30AM—12:30pm: The members of the Freedom and Healing ministry partner with God to see a person become free from disease and pain. No appointments are needed. Just come into the Prayer Center.

**Prayer Line:** (281) 398-2GOD

**Online Prayer:** [WhatsGrace.org/Prayer-Wall](https://WhatsGrace.org/Prayer-Wall)

**Toy Drive for Mosaic House of Prayer Nov. 7—Dec. 5:** Next week is the last week we will be accepting toys for our toy drive. The toys we are collecting are for at-risk youth in the Brookshire area. Visit [WhatsGrace.org/Local-Missions](https://WhatsGrace.org/Local-Missions) to learn more and register.

**Happy Advent Season!** We will be handing out an Advent Craft for your family to complete during this years Advent Season.

# Student Ministry

**High School Friendsgiving:** Tonight from 5:30—7PM, HS students will meet at designated homes with their grade levels for Fajitas and Fellowship! For more info, email Jordan at [JHerrera@WhatsGrace.org](mailto:JHerrera@WhatsGrace.org).

**Junior High Fun Night on Dec. 5!** Meet us in the student lawn from 5:30—7pm as we bring loads of snow!

**RE:ive Registration Open!** It's the best High School event of the year! Join us Feb. 4—6 for camp-styled fun and powerful worship. Visit [WhatsGrace.org/StudentEvents](https://WhatsGrace.org/StudentEvents) to learn more. Registration closes Jan. 9.

# Get Connected

**New to Grace?** Welcome! Come by the Welcome Center in the lobby to pick up a gift. We would love to say "hello" and answer any questions you might have.

# Get Involved

**Apply to be a Summer 2022 Intern!** Applications are open now to be a GF Summer Intern. Applications close Dec. 20. More information at [WhatsGrace.org/Internships](https://WhatsGrace.org/Internships).

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