



Lesson 6: Rising Up - Action Planning

- **Theme:** "What steps do we take now?"
- **Bible Connection:** *The army rises to its feet (Ezekiel 37:11-14)*
- **Key Element:** Jumpstarting and committing to Your Resurgence

"So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army." | Ezekiel 37:9

This is it, church! This is your call to arms, your moment to rise up and become the EXCEEDING GREAT ARMY God has destined you to be!

But let's amplify this scripture: *"...breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an EXCEEDING GREAT ARMY!"*

Church, do you hear that? We're not called to be mediocre. We're not called to play it safe. We're called to be EXCEEDING GREAT! It's time to stand up, to rise from the valley of dry bones and become a force in our communities!

We've got the vision, we've got the breath of God, but now it's time to STAND UP and MOVE OUT! We've been in the valley ALL. DAY. LONG. No more sitting around. No more waiting for the perfect moment. The time is NOW!

Why This Matters - BECAUSE THIS THING IS REAL!

We're not some wishy-washy, spineless group looking for an easy way out. We're warriors with spiritual backbone and holy tenacity! We know how to pray and touch God. We're the church that the world has never seen before!

Imagine services so powerful, so filled with God's presence, that visitors have an encounter with the Lord they'll never forget. That's who we are called to be! This isn't man-made. It's God-ordained! It's time to let God take control and allow His presence to become a living, breathing, moving catalyst in our midst!

Now, listen closely. Here's how we got here:

- The Word was **preached**, and the bones came together.
- We **prayed**, and the breath of life returned.

- Now, it's our turn to **STAND UP ON OUR FEET!**

The Spirit has done His part. Now, warriors, it's time for us to get up by faith! Together we are unstoppable! United, we can storm the gates of hell and they will not prevail against us (Matthew 16:18). Together, we can move mountains (Mark 11:23). Together, we can do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20).

As C.T. Studd said, "Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell." That's us, church! We're not here to play it safe. We're here to make an impact!

Can you feel it? There's a holy rattling among us. The fresh wind of the Spirit is blowing. It's time to stand as a vast army, declaring the Word of our God! So, **STAND UP**, mighty warriors! The world is waiting, the harvest is ready, and our God is able. Let's move out and show the world what an **EXCEEDING GREAT ARMY** looks like in action!

RESURGENCE QUESTION: WHAT STEPS DO WE TAKE NOW?

The challenge before us is simple but profound: **take immediate action**. Vance Havner put it perfectly: "The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps - we must step up the stairs."

We've been revived for a purpose. We've been equipped for action. Now, it's time to stand up and move forward. Your community is waiting for a church that's alive, empowered, and ready to make an impact.

The journey from dry bones to mighty army doesn't end with breath—it culminates with action. Standing up. Moving out. Making an impact. This is where vision becomes reality, where potential becomes power, where the church becomes the force God intended it to be.

From Vision to Victory - The Critical Transition

Over these six weeks, we've traveled an incredible journey together. We've been honest about our reality. We've heard God's voice. We've connected with His purposes. We've received His breath. And now we stand at the most critical moment of all - the transition from what we've learned to what we're going to DO.

This is where most churches fail. They get inspired, they get revived, they get a vision - but they never get into ACTION. They stay in the valley of good intentions instead of climbing the mountain of transformation.

But not us! Not today! Not this church!

We're not going to be another casualty of good ideas that never became reality. We're not going to be another church that talked a good game but never played it. We're going to be the church that turned our valley experience into a victory march!

OUR FOUR-POINT BATTLE PLAN

1. STAND UP

No more sitting on the sidelines. It's time to rise and take your place in this army. Every member has a role to play. Every gift is needed. Every calling matters. When God's army stands up, the enemy takes notice. When God's people rise in unity, mountains move and walls come down!

2. STEP OUT

Move beyond your comfort zone. Faith requires action! Step into the ministries God has called you to. Step into the community He wants you to reach. Step into the future He has prepared. The promised land is always one step outside your comfort zone!

3. SPEAK OUT

Declare the Word of God with boldness. Your voice has power! Speak life into your community. Speak hope to the hopeless. Speak the gospel to those who need to hear it. The same God who spoke to dry bones is speaking through you!

4. STRETCH OUT

Reach those who are lost, broken, and hurting. Be the hands and feet of Jesus. Extend compassion to your neighbors. Stretch beyond your walls to touch your community. An army that doesn't advance is just a very organized crowd!

The Time Is NOW

Church, we've reached the end of our training, but this is the BEGINNING of our transformation! Everything we've learned, everything we've experienced, everything God has shown us - it all comes down to this moment.

What are you going to do with what God has given you? What is our church going to do with this fresh breath of life? How are we going to steward this vision He's placed in our hearts?

George Herbert said: "Do not wait; the time will never be 'just right.' Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along."

The time is NOW. The place is HERE. The people are US.

So, what's next? That's up to us! We've got a blank slate, an opportunity to write history. We've got territory to claim, giants to slay, and people to reach. We've been called and anointed for such a time as this!

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." | Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon US. We are anointed. We are appointed. We are ready to make history!

Church, RISE UP! Your community is waiting. Your moment is here. Your God is able!

Let's make it happen!

Transition to Workbook Session

Now let's turn to pages 29-30 in our workbooks for our final planning session. We'll work through "What Steps Do We Take NOW?" and create our action plan together. This is where we transform everything we've learned into concrete steps that will move our church from vision to reality.

Let's finish strong and launch into our future with purpose and power!