



Introduction

What Does RESURGENCE Mean?

- "Re" means _____!
- "Surge" means to _____!

Put them together = A powerful COMEBACK!

Can these bones live again?

- Can our ministry _____ again?
- Can our passion be _____?
- Can our impact be _____ and even _____?

Here's the undeniable conclusion:

God specializes in _____ things once thought dead!

What is Revitalization?

Revitalization is about bringing _____ back to what has _____

To revitalize means:

1. _____
2. _____

"Organizations tend to lose vitality rather than gain it as time passes. They also tend to give greater attention to what they 'were' rather than what they 'are' becoming." - Chuck Swindoll

revitalization is the **"recovering lost vitality."**

- Wallace Henly

Lesson 1

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

- **Theme:** "Where are we now?"
- **Bible Connection:** *Ezekiel sees the valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-2)*
- **Key Element:** Gauging our Spiritual Vitality

"The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, ² and He caused me to pass among them all around. And there were very many in the open valley. And they were very dry." | **Ezekiel 37:1-2**

Valley

"Valleys" are those low places where every step feels heavy, and every decision feels like an uphill battle.

Bones

"Bones" represent a situation where you can't see a way out. Your scenario [life or church] is one of impending collapse.

This valley isn't just Ezekiel's real estate...

... it might be our church, ministry, or our own spiritual life!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

If the memories of your past, excite you more than your vision for the future, you have begun to die.

-Lee Rubin

Resurgence Question: Where Are We Now?

God didn't just show Ezekiel a problem - **He revealed a process.**
Resurgence starts with a gut-level, honest assessment of our current reality. Is my church experiencing **incline, recline, or decline?**

INCLINE: The Upward Climb! 🔥

This is when our church is LIT! Our impact? It's not just increasing, it's **EXPLODING!**

RECLINE: The Comfort Zone Trap! 😴

This is dangerous ... We're **COASTING** while offering the same old, same old.

DECLINE: The Wake-Up Call! ⏰

This is where it gets real. Our light's dimming and our impact's **SHRINKING.**

"Church Revitalization is Messy."

-Ed Stetzer

Why do we need to embrace messy?

Personal Reflection:

What spoke to me most in today's lesson?

Lesson 2

THE PROPHETIC VISION

- **Theme:** "Can we see a future?"
- **Bible Connection:** *God asks Ezekiel if the bones can live (Ezekiel 37:3)*
- **Key Element:** Crafting Our Resurgence Vision

He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" | Ezekiel 37:3a

There are moments in life when you are positioned between what you _____, and what you _____.

A LEGITIMATE CHALLENGE

Ezekiel is confronted here with a real problem. It's legit! "God, how do you expect **me** to deal with this?" And isn't that the real problem? God didn't ask Ezekiel if **he** could bring those bones to life. He asked if the bones could live. There's a big difference. Our job isn't to resurrect our church. That's God's department. Our job is to **believe it's possible** and to partner with God in the process.

The antidote for spiritual paralysis is the word 'hope.' The word '**Hope**' is used over _____ times in the Scripture. It means *a confident expectation **in the future** ... a contagious enthusiasm for **what will come***

The crucial question as it relates to revitalization at my church is ...

CAN WE SEE A FUTURE?

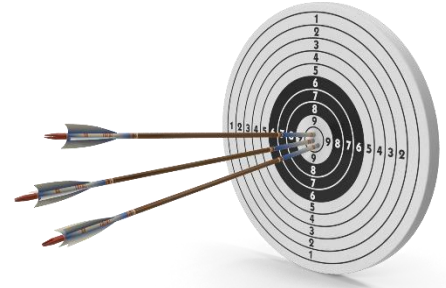
Every church without a vision is **blind!** Every ministry without a vision is **blind!** Every leader without a vision is **blind!** Every person without a vision is **blind!** You have an idea of where you want to go and what you want to achieve, but without a clear vision, you'll wander aimlessly and never reach your destination.

On the contrary, **when you have a vision, it's like turning the light on!** It's that moment when hazy becomes clear. The haze dissipates and you can now SEE the target.

What are we taking AIM at?

"In the long run men hit only what they aim at."

- Henry David Thoreau



1. **Clarity:** What are we taking aim at?
2. **Communication:** Does our team know what the target is?
3. **Conviction:** Do we truly believe we can hit the target?

Key Scripture:

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or _____."

- Ephesians 3:20 MEV

Personal Reflection:

What spoke to me most in today's lesson?

Lesson 3

SPEAKING TO THE BONES

- **Theme:** "Who are we called to be?"
- **Bible Connection:** *Ezekiel prophesies to the bones (Ezekiel 37:4-6)*
- **Key Element:** Discovering and Living Our Church's Unique DNA

"Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!' | Ezekiel 37:4

Why Prophecy?

- _____
- _____

Speaking Life vs. Speaking Death:

It's time to _____ about how dead our situation is and start
_____ into it!

Examples of Speaking Life Over Our Church:

1. **Over our church's future:** _____
2. **Over our worship:** _____
3. **Over our outreach:** _____
4. **Over our unity:** _____
5. **Over individual callings:** _____
6. **Over community impact:** _____

RESURGENCE QUESTION: "How do we renew our strength and passion together?"

Key Scripture: "Live out your God-created identity" - Matthew 5:48 MSG

Avoiding Spiritual Identity Theft:

- Don't _____
- Instead _____

IDENTIFYING OUR CODE

Our Code shapes our church's face to the world. It's in every "Amen!" shouted from the pews, every hand raised in worship, every soul touched by God's love. It's running through our veins! You might not see it, but it's there! It's in the air we breathe, in the way we greet newcomers, in how we serve our community. When we're living true to that code, when we're being exactly who God called us to be, that's when we see real impact.

What makes our church unique:

Personal Reflection:

What spoke to me most in today's lesson?

Lesson 4

THE RATTLING OF BONES

- **Theme:** "Partnership and Mutual Care"
- **Bible Connection:** *bones come together and are covered with flesh (Ezekiel 37:7-8)*
- **Key Element:** Prioritizing the Health of the Shepherd and Congregation

"So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them..." | Ezekiel 37:7-8

The Divine Order of Restoration:

- **Bones:** _____
- **Tendons:** _____
- **Muscles:** _____
- **Skin:** _____

Important Truth: Our condition is our _____, not our _____.

Areas where we might struggle:

- **Physical:** _____
- **Emotional:** _____
- **Spiritual:** _____

Paul's greatest burden: _____

2 Corinthians 11:28

Our Calling to Partnership:

*"Christ gave gifts to the church: some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ." | **Ephesians 4:11-12***

Biblical Partnership Model (Acts 6:1-4):

- **The Problem:** _____
- **The Solution:** _____
- **The Result:** _____

Resurgence Question: How do we Partner Together?

Three Ways Partnership Helps:

1. **Shared Burdens:** _____
2. **Diverse Gifts:** _____
3. **Mutual Encouragement:** _____

Personal Reflection:

How can I better partner with others in our church?

Lesson 5

THE BREATH OF LIFE

- **Theme:** "What ignites our ministry potential?"
- **Bible Connection:** *The breath enters the bodies (Ezekiel 37:9-10)*
- **Key Element:** Mobilizing Your Collective Strengths

*Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the **breath**; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, **breath**, from the four winds and **breathe** into these slain, that they may live.'" | Ezekiel 37:9*

RUAH!

Translated as "*spirit*," "*wind*," or "*breath*."

"Ruah Elohim" - that's the Spirit of God!

"Ruah Hayyim" - the breath of life!

Resurgence Question: What Ignites Our Ministry Potential?

Three Steps to Resurrect Ministry Potential:

1. See Beyond the Bones

- **Key Scripture:** "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7
- **Application:** _____

2. Speak Life

- **Key Scripture:** "The tongue has the power of life and death." - Proverbs 18:21
- **Application:** _____

3. Create a Ruah Environment

- **Key Scripture:** "Do not quench the Spirit." - 1 Thessalonians 5:19
- **Application:** _____

Important Truth:

Nothing truly transformative happens until God _____ on us!

Two Requirements for RUAH:

1. **We prepare:** _____
2. **We expect:** _____

Personal Reflection:

What gifts or potential do I see in others that need to be awakened?

What gifts in me need God's breath to come alive?

Lesson 6

RISING UP

- **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***

We've got the vision, we've got the breath of God ...

now it's time to STAND UP and MOVE OUT!

The Journey to This Moment:

- The Word was **preached:** _____
- We **prayed:** _____
- Now, it's **our turn to:** _____

Resurgence Question:

What Steps Do We Take NOW?

"The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps - we must step up the stairs."

-Vance Havner

FOUR-POINT BATTLE PLAN:

1. STAND UP

2. STEP OUT

3. SPEAK OUT

4. STRETCH OUT

Personal Commitment:

What specific step will I take this week to move from vision to action?

FINAL REFLECTIONS

What God Has Shown Me Through This Experience:

How I See Our Church Differently Now:

My Personal Commitment to Our Church's Resurgence:

Prayer for Our Church:
