



Welcome to the Experience!

Let's talk RESURGENCE: [Re-surge-ence]

- "Re" means AGAIN!
- "Surge" means to RISE UP with FORCE!



Again + Rise Up + Force = A powerful **COMEBACK!**

	Ember		Fire		Inferno
Current ministry vibrancy?	1	2	3	4	5
Current personal passion?	1	2	3	4	5
Current overall impact?	1	2	3	4	5

To REVITALIZE Means:

- Taking what's dead and making it live again!
- Giving a shot of adrenaline to what's barely breathing!

Revitalization is about **"recovering lost vitality."**

- Wallace Henley



Lesson 1: The Valley of Dry Bones

*"The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a **valley**; it was full of **bones**. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that 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!

VALLEYS & DRY BONES	WHAT TRIGGERED IT?	CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS / ALTERNATIVES

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.**

STEP 1: Individual Reflection (5 minutes)

In each numbered row below, fill in the circle next to the word that screams, **"THIS IS US."** Be honest about what you observe right now.

Church Vitality Indicators	INCLINE	RECLINE	DECLINE
1. Future-Oriented vs Past-Oriented	3	2	1
2. Vision-Driven vs Program-Driven	3	2	1
3. Community-Focused vs Congregation-Focused	3	2	1
4. Innovative vs Routine	3	2	1
5. High-Risk Faith vs No-Risk Faith	3	2	1
6. Faith-Based Decisions vs Resource-Based Decisions	3	2	1
7. Serve by Spiritual Gifts vs Serve by Obligation	3	2	1
8. Stewardship Mindset vs Scarcity Mindset	3	2	1
9. Empowering Leadership vs Entrenched Leadership	3	2	1
10. Exponential Growth vs Negative Growth	3	2	1

My Total Score: _____ /30

Our General Consensus of Our Current Vitality

Circle the icon below that best represents your church's present state.



Church Vitality Traits



Incline: Vibrant, Impactful, Thriving, and Shaking your Community.



Recline: Coasting, Comfortable, Surviving, and Satisfied with your Routine.



Decline: Frustrated, Shrinking, Invisible, and Trending Downward.

STEP 2: Team Discussion (10 minutes)

Share your scores with the team and discuss:

- Where do we have similar assessments?
- Where do we see things differently? Why might that be?
- What patterns do we notice across our individual assessments?

STEP 3: Our Honest Assessment (10 minutes)

As a leadership team, we identify these as our church's current strengths:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The areas where our church most needs attention:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

CHALLENGE the Status Quo!

Revitalization isn't just about adding new programs; it's about having the courage to change what isn't working. It's like renovating a house - sometimes you have to tear down walls before you can build something beautiful. The enemy of revival isn't always opposition from outside; it's often comfort and complacency from within.

If our church continues on its current trajectory for the next 5-10 years, what will our community say about us?

- ☐ *"That church really makes a difference here"*
- ☐ *"Oh yeah, I forgot that church was still around"*
- ☐ *"What church? I didn't know there was a church there"*

Our Church's Status Quo Challenge Involves Making These Changes:

Eliminate (*Things that drain energy without producing fruit*)

Programs, activities, or habits that are holding our church back:

- 1.
- 2.

Reduce (*Good things that may be preventing great things*)

Activities we need to scale back or simplify:

- 1.
- 2.

Continue (*What's working and should be maintained*)

Our church's strengths we must sustain:

- 1.
- 2.

Launch: (*New initiatives that align with our vision*)

Bold new steps we need to take:

- 1.
- 2.

Reality Check Questions:

1. What would a first-time visitor think about our church after attending for a month?
2. If our church closed tomorrow, what would our community actually miss?
3. What are we protecting that might be preventing God from doing something new?
4. If we planted this church today, what would we do differently?
5. What excuses do we keep making that we need to stop believing?



Lesson 2: The Prophetic Vision

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

When God asks a Question

Zeke ... I'm asking you ... can I perform a miracle here? Can the situation change? I know it looks bleak ... a valley full of lost hope, shattered dreams, and abandonment ... but I need to know ... do you believe I can change the dynamic? Can I perform a miracle here?

CAN THIS ARMY LIVE AGAIN?

Paralysis or Possibility

Paralysis	← Condition →	Possibility
Overwhelming sense of failure and hopelessness.	Church Decline	A vibrant congregation filling the space with worship and fellowship

In the middle column, "Condition," write down specific situations or challenges your church is currently facing. We've provided one example to get you started. In the first column, "Paralyses," reflect on why this condition might cause fear, inaction, or hopelessness. What makes this situation feel overwhelming or impossible? In the third column, "Possibility," challenge yourself to envision positive outcomes. How might God work in this situation? What opportunities for growth or transformation exist?

HOPE! Why is this word important?

Because it means, "a confident expectation in the **future!**"

Wrong Question: Do you have too many problems to overcome?

Right Question: **Can you see a future for our church?**

Resurgence Question: Can We See a Future?

The Future I SEE as it Relates to...

My Personal Spiritual Vitality

Our Leadership Development

Our Community Impact

Spiritual Growth in our Congregation

Our Worship and Connection

Our Mission and Outreach

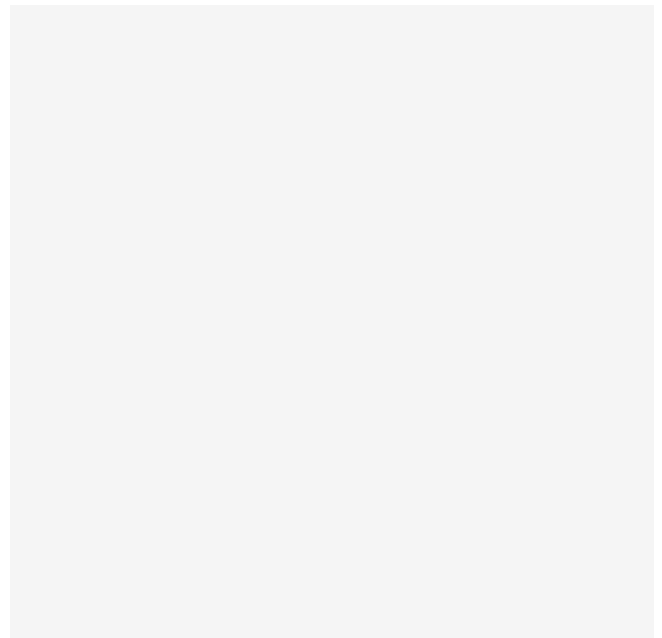
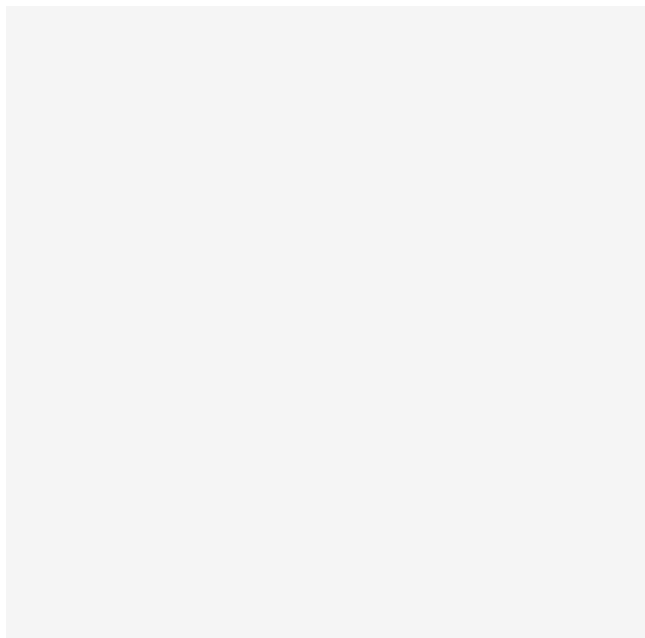
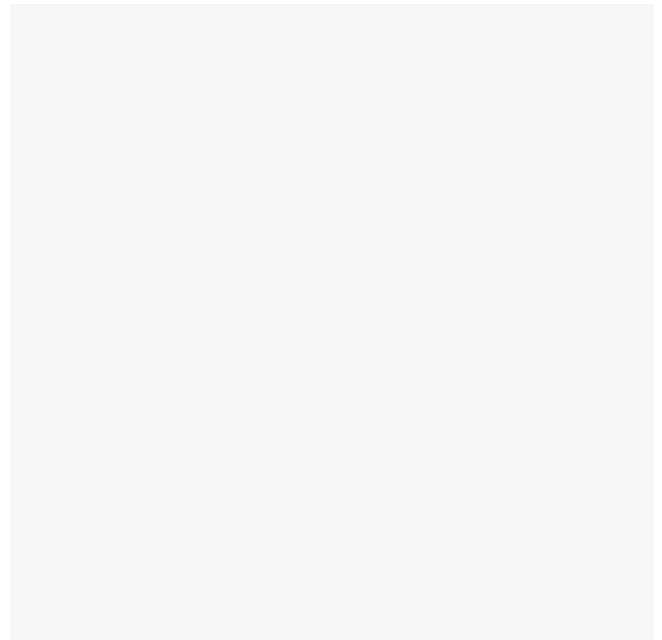
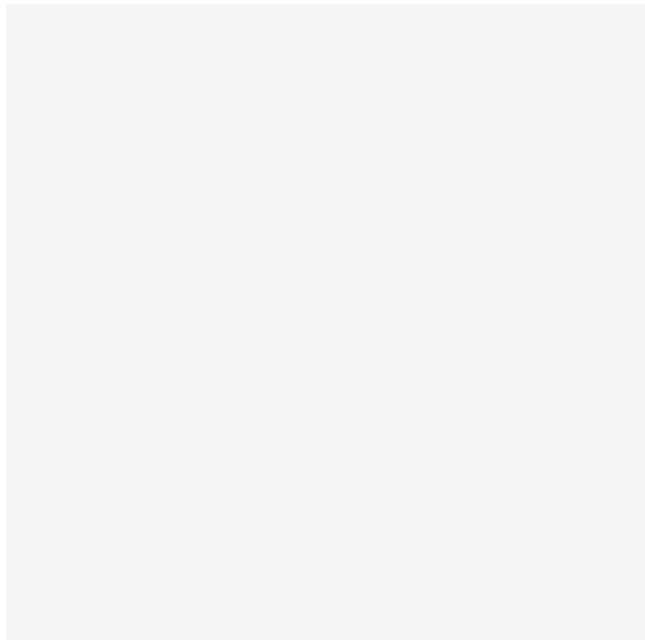
*"But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. **SEE**, I have already begun! **DO YOU SEE IT?** I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."*

Isaiah 43:18-19 NLT

Vision Sketching!

"Most people don't have the ability to see what doesn't exist. Over 60% of the population are "present" thinkers. In other words, they think in the moment and have trouble thinking ahead. That's why leaders exist! To paint the picture of a preferred future. To lead people from here to there." -Jacob Schmelzer

Use the space below to create simple drawings that represent your vision for our church. Don't worry about artistic ability - stick figures and simple shapes work great! The goal is to make our vision visual and memorable.



From Possibility to Possession: Church Vision Implementation Guide

Instructions: This guide will help you move our church's vision from mere possibility to actual possession through a three-step process. (1) Complete the worksheet on the next page titled "Imagine." (2) Use additional paper as needed for multiple ministry visions. (3) Follow the three-step process outlined below for each vision.

Remember, a vision without corresponding action steps is likely to remain dormant. This process will help you turn your inspired ideas into reality.

Three Step Process: **Inspire** → **Illuminate** → **Implement**

Step 1: Inspire (Imagine Phase): Let's write down our vision in clear, compelling terms. What do we imagine God doing in and through our church?

Step 2: Illuminate (Expansion Phase): Let's expand on our vision. What would it look like in practice? Provide details about how this vision would transform our church and community.

Step 3: Implement (Action Steps Phase): Develop at least three concrete action steps to begin realizing this vision. These should be specific, measurable, and achievable.

EXAMPLE

INSPIRE:

Imagine a church where God's love hits you like a tidal wave the second you walk in. We're talking next-level, can't-ignore-it kind of love that makes you feel like you've come home before you've even found a seat!

ILLUMINATE:

This church radiates warmth and acceptance. Greeters are genuinely happy to see each person, newcomers are seamlessly integrated into conversations, and the atmosphere is one of sincere care and interest in every individual's story and journey.

IMPLEMENT:

1. Implement a "Welcome Team" training program that focuses on hospitality skills, active listening, and connecting guests with others.
2. Redesign the church foyer to include a welcoming space with comfortable seating, clear signage, and information kiosks staffed by friendly volunteers.
3. Introduce a follow-up system where each first-time guest receives a small gift at church and a personalized contact (email, or handwritten note) within 48 hours of their visit.

Phase 1: Imagine a church that...

Phase 2: What it looks like in practice ...

Phase 3: Our action steps are...

1.

2.

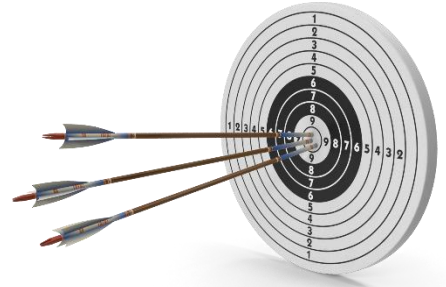
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“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or **Imagine**...”
Ephesians 3:20 MEV

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?** Clarity is about getting laser-focused on our God-given target. What Mountain has God called us to climb? Is it reaching the lost in our city? Reviving worship? Revolutionizing community outreach? Let's get clear!

2. **Communication: Does our team know what the target is?** We must help our teams see both the need and the opportunity! We will then communicate that vision so clearly that it becomes contagious. How do you intend to communicate?

3. **Conviction: Do we truly believe we can hit the target?** This is the question God is asking Zeke! We can have the clearest vision and communicate it like a boss, but we've also got to believe it in your bones! Why do we believe we can hit the target?

How VIVIDLY is our vision being communicated?

Below, you'll find a list of statements related to church vision. Please read each statement carefully and check the box next to it if it accurately reflects our church's current reality. Be honest in your assessment - this is not about judging our church's performance but about gaining a clear picture of where we are now. This understanding will help us take meaningful steps toward a more vision-driven future.

Check all boxes that apply to our church's current situation:

- ☐ Does our church have a written vision statement?
- ☐ Can our church leadership articulate the vision statement without referring to notes?
- ☐ Is our vision statement prominently displayed in our church building?
- ☐ Has our vision been communicated to the congregation in the last six months?
- ☐ Does our church have specific, measurable goals aligned with our vision?
- ☐ Is our vision statement incorporated into our new member orientation process?
- ☐ Does our budgeting process prioritize initiatives that directly support our vision?
- ☐ Has our church held a vision casting event (e.g., class, sermon series, or banquet) in the past year?
- ☐ Have we shared vision-related updates or stories on our church's social media platforms in the last month?
- ☐ Does our church have a visual representation (e.g., infographic, video) of its vision that's easily shareable?

└─> _____ total number of boxes checked.

Results:

- 0-3 points: Vision Deficient – Don't stress ... Resurgence is coming
- 4-6 points: Vision Aware - Good start, but room for improvement
- 7-8 points: Vision Focused - Strong foundation, keep refining
- 9-10 points: Vision Driven - Excellent, maintain and continue to innovate



Lesson 3: Speaking to the Bones

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

What our ministry **REQUIRES** is the WORD OF THE LORD. A now word. An anointed word. A word that **challenges, and equips, and inspires!** Zeke, you're going to preach to this skeleton crew, and this is what you're going to say...

"Dry bones hear the Word of the Lord."

Stop talking about how dead our situation is...

...Start prophesying life into it!

Knowing you have resurrection power in your words, what areas of our church do we need to prophesy life to?

Ministries that need renewed life & energy:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Visions we need to speak into existence:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Challenges we need to speak faith over:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Potential we need to call forth in our people:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Resurgence Question: Who are we Called to be?

"...Live out your God-created identity..." | **Matthew 5:48** MSG

"... fulfill YOUR ministry." | **2 Timothy 4:5** ESV

Reflecting on Personal Authenticity

Complete the following sentence in as many ways as you can:

"I am most authentic when I..."

Prompts to get me started...

1. ...am vulnerable about my own struggles and doubts.
2. ...speak from my heart rather than from a script.
3. ...admit that I don't have all the answers.
4. ...share stories from my personal life, both successes and failures.

"I am most authentic when I..."

Reflecting on Church Authenticity

Prompts to get us started...

1. ...prioritize serving our local community over growing our numbers.
2. ...encourage questions and doubts as part of the faith journey.
3. ...celebrate the unique gifts and callings of all our members.
4. ...empower members to lead and serve according to their passions.

"Our church is most authentic when we..."

Understanding Our Church's DNA

Two words: Deoxyribonucleic acid.

Phonetically, it's pronounced "deoxy-ribo-new-clay-ik acid." However, its abbreviated form, DNA, is more recognizable. While it might sound unconventional, DNA is the key to unlocking church effectiveness. To supercharge our ministry's impact, we start at the foundational level by discovering our church's DNA and subsequently aligning our ministry with this unique code.

It's Easier Than You Think!

Identifying our church's DNA isn't a complex puzzle - it's an exciting journey of discovery that's simpler than you might imagine. Let's explore how easy it can be to uncover our church's unique identity and unleash its full potential.

A Tale of Transformation: LifePointe Church

To illustrate the importance of identifying our church's unique DNA, consider the story of LifePointe Church. They were stuck at 20 in attendance for more than two decades, despite having a good preacher, inspiring worship, and a talented, highly motivated staff (small but motivated).

Yet, they were not growing. Something unseen was taking place and it had to be revealed. We believed the answer would surface through the members' stories and experiences, so we met with every family and asked three simple questions:

1. What are your earliest memories of this church?
2. Can you recall any powerful experiences you've had here?
3. What stories do you tell others about our church?

The answers were illuminating:

- *"God healed our marriage here. Divorce was imminent, but God stepped in!"*
- *"I remember when the pastor prayed for me, and God miraculously healed my illness."*
- *"It might sound crazy, but God answers so many prayers at this church."*

Half the congregation shared stories of miraculous healings. The church's DNA was clear: they were all about healing—physical, marital, financial, and emotional. We uncovered the church's true DNA and unlocked their code!

Aligning Vision with DNA

Once we identified their DNA, the path forward became clear. We encouraged them to:

1. Embrace their identity as a healing church
2. Create a booklet of healing testimonials
3. Share these stories with their community

The result? Within 6 months, the church tripled in size!

Q: What is our church's code?

A: It's the essence or soul of your church. It's the often unspoken assumptions that shape our vision, values, and mission. It's subtly mirrored in our church's symbols, stories, and history.

Cracking Our Church's Code

In small groups of 3-4 people, take turns answering these three questions about our church:

1. What are our earliest memories of this church?
2. Can you recall any powerful experiences you've had here?
3. What stories do we tell others about our church?

Instructions:

- Each person shares for 3-4 minutes
- Listen carefully to the themes and emotions
- Note repeated words or similar experiences

Identifying Patterns (10 minutes)

As a group, discuss what you heard:

Common themes we noticed:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Words or phrases that came up repeatedly:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Types of experiences most people shared (check all that apply):

- ☐ Healing (physical, emotional, relational)
- ☐ Community support and care
- ☐ Spiritual growth and transformation
- ☐ Worship and God's presence
- ☐ Service and outreach
- ☐ Teaching and learning
- ☐ Prayer and answered prayer
- ☐ Other: _____

Our Church's DNA Statement

Based on the patterns we've identified, work together to complete this statement:

"Our church is most authentic and effective when we..."

"What makes our church unique in our community is..."

"When people experience our church at its best, they encounter..."

Are we leaning into AUTHENTICITY or approval?

Rate our church on each of the following statements using this scale:

0 = Not at all true 1 = Somewhat true 2 = Very true

1. We encourage & support members in discovering and living out their personal callings. Score: ____
2. Our budget allocations reflect our stated priorities and values. Score: ____
3. Our leadership is transparent about decision-making processes and outcomes. Score: ____
4. Our sermons and teachings address real-life issues faced by our congregation. Score: ____
5. Our programs and ministries clearly reflect our church's unique DNA and calling. Score: ____
6. We celebrate and utilize the diverse gifts and talents within our congregation. Score: ____
7. Our church creates a safe space for members to express doubts or struggles. Score: ____
8. We regularly evaluate and adjust our activities to better serve our true purpose. Score: ____
9. Our church's public image accurately represents our internal culture and values. Score: ____
10. We prioritize depth of impact over numerical growth or outward appearances. Score: ____

Calculating Your Score:

1. Add up your scores from all 10 statements.
2. Divide the total by 2.
3. Round to the nearest whole number.



Final Score: ____ / 10

ALIGNING OUR CHURCH WITH OUR DNA

Based on our DNA discovery and authenticity assessment:

Our church's greatest strengths (what we should keep doing):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Areas where we need to better align with our authentic identity:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Programs or activities that might not fit our DNA:

New initiatives that would better reflect our identity:

MY COMMITMENT TO OUR CHURCH'S AUTHENTIC IDENTITY

Personal Reflection:

How does our church's DNA connect with my own calling and gifts?

One way I can help our church live more authentically:

One way I will speak life into our church's identity:

Our Collective Commitment:

As members of this church, we commit to:

- ☐ Embracing our God-given identity rather than copying other churches
- ☐ Supporting ministries and programs that align with our authentic calling
- ☐ Sharing our church's story in ways that reflect our true identity
- ☐ Using our gifts to strengthen what makes our church unique
- ☐ Speaking positively about our church's authentic mission and purpose
- ☐ Participating actively in ministries that reflect our DNA

Lesson 4: The Rattling of Bones

"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. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them..." | Ezekiel 37:7-8

Notice the order...

When God restores, He starts with the bones, then the tendons and muscles. The Spirit begins far below the surface and works His way out ... **and heals our skeletal fractures.**

Bones: Disappointments, hurts, dried up passion, no more strength.

Tendons: Those connections between what you believe and how you live.

Muscles: Your spiritual disciplines & habits, the things that give you strength.

Skin: How others see you, your outward ministry.

Your condition is your reality, not your potential. It's where you are, not where you're headed. But listen - **your condition is not your conclusion!** The condition in the valley was death, but God's plan was life. In your life, your condition might be burnout, but God's plan is renewal. Your condition might be doubt, but God's plan is faith



Pray the Psalm 139:23-24 Prayer. Write what the Spirit reveals here:

What is your CURRENT State?

Grab a pen and let's do this! Go through each column - Emotional, Spiritual, and Physical. Circle everything that hits home. Don't hold back; this is between you and God.

EMOTIONAL

The Struggle Is Real:

1. Burnout city
2. Anxiety's got a chokehold
3. Depression's winning
4. Needle points to negatives
5. Loneliness is looming
6. Perfectionism or bust
7. Comparison-itis
8. Guilt's weighing me down
9. Resentment's poisoning me
10. Fear of failure's got me
11. People-pleasing ... yep
12. Rejection's sting won't quit

PHYSICAL

The Body's Crying Out:

1. Sleep? That's a luxury
2. Stress eating like it's a sport
3. Exercise routine? Natta
4. Burnout's winning
5. Coffee's on a drip line
6. Tylenol is my companion
7. Back pain from the load
8. Voice strained - preaching
9. Eyes strained - working late
10. Nutrition: whatever's fastest
11. Exhaustion's a new normal
12. Neglecting doctor's visits

SPIRITUAL

The Desert Wanderings:

1. Doubt's throwing shade
2. Prayer life's on life support
3. Bible's collecting dust
4. Worship feels like a chore
5. God seems silent
6. Spiritual disciplines? N/A
7. Faking it 'til you make it
8. Feeling like a Pharisee
9. Calling's got a (?)
10. Compromise is happening
11. Legalism's choking grace
12. Hypocrisy's a roommate

The Promised Land:

1. Joy is contagious
2. Peace that surpasses
3. Empathetic connections
4. Bounce-back resilience
5. Confidence that's rooted
6. Authenticity that is real
7. Overflowing gratitude
8. Hope that sees beyond
9. Boundless love
10. Passion that ignites others
11. Courage that faces giants
12. Wisdom that guides me

The Temple's Thriving:

1. Resting like it's my job
2. Fueling my body
3. Moving my body: loving it
4. Energy levels are elevated
5. Water's my go-to beverage
6. Clear mind, sharp focus
7. Posture says confidence
8. Voice that carries authority
9. Eyes bright with vision
10. Balanced meals all day
11. Vitality that's obvious to all
12. Regular check-ups

The Mountain Top:

1. Faith that moves mountains
2. Prayer life that's fire
3. Word of God living & active
4. Worship that takes me up
5. Hearing God clearly
6. Spiritual disciplines? YEA
7. Preaching is anointed
8. Walking with the Spirit
9. Purpose clearer than HD
10. Integrity that's unshakeable
11. Grace flowing like Niagara
12. Authenticity reflects Jesus

Now, count up those circles in the first row (yeah, the tough stuff) across all three columns. Got that number? Good. Now do the same for the second row (the promised land, baby!). Here's the million-dollar question: **Which row has the higher tally?** If it's the first row, you've got some work to do. If it's the second, take a minute to celebrate and keep pushing higher!

Why This MATTERS For Our Church

When church members and leaders are healthy, energy is contagious - people are excited to serve and invite others

Regardless of Your Current State:

- 1. Be Honest About Where You Are:** Don't minimize struggles or exaggerate strengths. God meets us where we are, not where we pretend to be.
 - 2. Recognize You're Not Meant to Do This Alone:** Whether you're thriving or struggling, ministry is designed for partnership and community support.
 - 3. Commit to Personal Health:** Your spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being directly impacts your ability to serve effectively.
 - 4. Embrace Your Role in Church Health:** You have a part to play in creating a healthy church environment for everyone.
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MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

The assessment you just completed isn't about judgment - it's about awareness. Some of you discovered you're in a better place than you thought. Others realized you need more support than you've been receiving. Both discoveries are valuable.

What matters most is what we do next. A healthy church happens when healthy people work together in partnership, supporting each other and sharing the load of ministry. Whether you're struggling in the valley or thriving on the mountain, God has a role for you in creating a church where everyone can flourish.

PERSONAL REFLECTION (Before moving to the next section, take a moment to write):

One thing I learned about my current state:

One area where I need more support:

One way I can contribute to our church's health:

My prayer for our church community:

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

One TOUGH Assignment

The Apostle Paul reveals the heart of ministry leadership in **2 Corinthians 11:23-28**. After describing physical hardships - beatings, shipwrecks, dangers, and deprivation - he identifies what weighs most heavily on pastoral hearts: ***"Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches."***

Paul's greatest burden wasn't external persecution; it was the internal weight of caring for God's people. This "daily pressure" reflects the pastoral heart that beats in every church leader - a deep concern for the spiritual health, growth, and wellbeing of the congregation.

Resurgence Question: How do we Partner Together?

OUR CALLING TO PARTNERSHIP

Ephesians 4:11-12 reveals God's design: ***"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."***

This isn't about hierarchy - it's about partnership. Pastors aren't called to do all the ministry; they're called to equip us to do ministry together.

Biblical Partnership Model

Acts 6:1-4 shows this partnership in action:

- **The Problem:** Apostles were overwhelmed with both spiritual leadership and practical needs
- **The Solution:** Congregation selected qualified people to handle specific responsibilities
- **The Result:** *"So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly"* (Acts 6:7)

When everyone operates in their calling, the Gospel advances.

When church members are fully engaged in their calling, it multiplies the pastor's effectiveness exponentially. When members are disengaged, it multiplies the pastor's burden exponentially.

PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Rate each statement on a scale of 1-10: **1-3 = Not at all** | **4-6 = Partially** | **7-10 = Fully:**

Prayer Support: I regularly pray for our pastor and pastoral family ____

Ministry Involvement: I actively serve in church ministries ____

Positive Communication: I speak positively about our church and pastor ____

Gift Utilization: I use my gifts to serve our church's mission ____

Vision Support: I help cast and support our church's vision ____

Administrative Help: I assist with practical church needs ____

Financial Partnership: I give faithfully to support our church ____

Encouragement: I regularly encourage our pastoral leadership ____

Add up your scores from all 10 statements. Total: ____ / 100

Divide your total by 10 and round to the nearest whole number.

Final Score: ____ / 10

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

We're stronger together than we are apart. Your health matters to all of us, and our collective health matters to our community. The following is my personal commitment to building a church where everyone can thrive...



Lesson 5: The Breath of Life

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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!

Breath of life, Ruah Elohim,

Rip through us! Tear apart our comfortable masks, Shatter our safe, sanitized plans. We're sick of playing church, Lord. We hunger for Your raw, untamed presence. Breathe on us, Mighty God! Not a gentle whisper, but a howling storm. Uproot our complacency, Scatter our fear like dust. We dare to ask - go soul deep!

Spirit of the Living God, Invade every corner of our being. Ignite a fire in our bones That consumes all mediocrity. Make us dangerous for Your Kingdom! Ruah, blow away our pretenses, Strip us bare before Your holiness. Rebuild us with Your power, Fashion us into Your army. We surrender to Your wild love.

Lord, we're desperate for You! Shake us, break us, remake us. Let Your breath bring life To every dry, dead place within us. We want nothing less than total transformation. Almighty Wind, sweep through our church! Turn our ordered services upside down, Breathe life into our dry routines, Awaken the sleeping giants in our pews. Make us a force that hell trembles to face!

Ruah of God, we invite Your disruption. Mess with our schedules, wreck our agendas. We lay down our reputations, our control. Come as You will, do what You want. We're Yours - wholly, recklessly, eternally Yours.

Amen.

RUAH PRAYER

Use this space to craft your own Ruah prayer:

Resurgence Question: What Ignites Our Ministry?

Three steps to resurrect our ministry potential...

1. See Beyond the Bones

"...People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." | 1 Samuel 16:7

2. Speak Life

"Ears that hear and eyes that see—the Lord has made them both." | Proverbs 18:21

3. Create a Ruah Environment:

"Do not quench the Spirit." | 1 Thessalonians 5:19

Don't Bury your Potential!

The wealthiest spot on this planet is not the oil fields of Kuwait, Iraq or Saudi Arabia.
Neither is it the gold and diamond mines of South Africa,
the uranium mines of the Soviet Union,
or the silver mines of Africa.

Though it may surprise you, the richest deposits on our planet lie just a few blocks
from your house.

They rest in your local cemetery or graveyard.

Buried beneath the soil within the walls of those sacred grounds
are dreams that never came to pass,
songs that were never sung,
books that were never written,
paintings that never became reality,
inventions that were never designed,
plans that never went beyond the drawing board of the mind,
and purposes that were never fulfilled.

Our graveyards are filled with potential that remained potential.

-Myles Munroe

My Strengths:

How I'm using them to forward the kingdom:

Ministry Identification and Equipping Effectiveness Assessment

Rate each statement on a scale of 0-2: 0 = Rarely or Never 1 = Sometimes 2 = Consistently

1. Our church has helped me identify my spiritual gifts. Score: ____
2. I have opportunities to explore and discover my calling. Score: ____
3. Training is available for the ministry areas I'm interested in. Score: ____
4. There's a clear pathway for me to get involved in ministry. Score: ____
5. Our church celebrates when members step into new ministry roles. Score: ____
6. I feel encouraged to try different ministries to find my fit. Score: ____
7. Mentorship is available when I start serving in new areas. Score: ____
8. Our teaching helps me understand my personal calling and ministry. Score: ____
9. I'm serving in areas that match my strengths and passions. Score: ____
10. I receive ongoing development and support in my ministry roles. Score: ____

Calculating Your Score:

1. Add up your scores from all 10 statements. Total: ____ / 20
2. Divide your total by 2 and round to the nearest whole number.

Final Score: ____ / 10

Interpreting Your Score:

9-10: Excellent - You're well-connected and equipped for ministry in our church.

7-8: Very Good - Strong foundation with minor areas for growth.

5-6: Good - Solid connection but room for deeper engagement.

3-4: Fair - Basic involvement but significant opportunities for development.

1-2: Poor - Critical need to connect with ministry opportunities and support.

Action Steps:

1. Identify your lowest-scoring areas.
2. Talk with church leadership about opportunities in these areas.
3. Commit to one specific step toward greater ministry involvement.
4. Reassess your engagement in 6 months.

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." - Ephesians 4:11-12



Lesson 6: Rising Up

"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 37:10**

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!

*"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell;
I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."*

- C.T. Studd

Dormant ministries in our church that need to stand up...

Ministry:

Plans to resurrect:

Ministry:

Plans to resurrect:

Ministry:

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Ministry:

Plans to resurrect:

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

Our community is waiting for a church that's alive, empowered, and ready to make an impact. **Consider these next steps...**

1. Reflect on Our Journey Together
 - What has God shown us about our church over these six weeks?
 - What vision has emerged for our future?
2. Identify Our Collective Next Steps
 - What are the top 2-3 actions we need to take as a church?
 - How can each of us contribute to these actions?
3. Overcome Fear and Hesitation Together
 - Choose faith over fear, action over hesitation as a church family.
 - Support each other through the challenges ahead.
4. Create Our Implementation Timeline
 - Set realistic deadlines for our church's action steps.
 - Break larger goals into smaller, manageable tasks we can accomplish together.

Our Church's Unique Calling (Write this in one sentence):

Set three primary goals:

1. Spiritual Growth Goal:

2. Community Impact Goal:

3. Church Development Goal:

List 2-3 Action Steps for Each Goal

Deadline

1. Spiritual Growth Goal

Action Step 1:

Action Step 2:

2. Community Impact Goal

Action Step 1:

Action Step 2:

3. Church Development Goal

Action Step 1:

Action Step 2:

Planning and Action Scoring System

Rate each statement on a scale of 0-2: 0 = Not at all 1 = Partially 2 = Fully

1. Our church has a clear, written vision statement. Score: ____
2. We've set specific, measurable goals for the next 6-12 months. Score: ____
3. We've identified concrete action steps for each of our goals. Score: ____
4. We've assigned deadlines to our action steps. Score: ____
5. We've committed necessary resources (people, finances) to our plans. Score: ____
6. We've established an accountability system to review our progress. Score: ____
7. Our church leadership is fully committed to implementing our plans. Score: ____
8. We've communicated our vision and goals to our entire congregation. Score: ____
9. We've started taking action on at least one of our goals. Score: ____
10. We're seeing initial positive results from our actions. Score: ____

Calculating Your Score:

1. Add up your scores from all 10 statements. Total: ____ / 20
2. Divide your total by 2 and round to the nearest whole number.

Final Score: ____ / 10



Transfer your Scores Here

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| 1. Spiritual Vitality ____ | 4. Prioritizing Health ____ |
| 2. Vision Casting ____ | 5. Igniting Potential ____ |
| 3. Being Authentic ____ | 6. Action Planning ____ |

1. Locate Your Scores
 - Find your final scores from each lesson in this series.
2. Transfer Scores to the Scoring Table
 - Find the empty boxes for each category page 30. shade the boxes that corresponds to each lesson.
 - Shade the numbers of boxes that represent your score for each category
3. Assess Your Current State
 - The resulting shades gives you a visual representation of your church's current strengths and areas for growth.
4. Set Growth Goals
 - Your aim is to increase the number of boxes shaded over time.
 - Focus on moving each score closer to 10.
5. Regular Reassessment
 - Repeat this scoring process every 3-6 months.
 - Use a different color each time to clearly show your progress.
6. Track Your Progress
 - Compare your new shade to previous ones.
 - Celebrate areas of growth and identify where you still need to improve.

Remember: This is a tool for visualizing your church's journey towards revival. It's not just about the scores, but about the consistent effort to grow and improve in all areas.

	Spark			Flame			Inferno			
SCORING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Vision Casting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being Authentic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Igniting Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Action Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sample of Scoring Shade:

Spiritual Vitality	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
Vision Casting	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>

The Dawn of Resurgence: Your Journey Begins Now

Church family, as we close this workbook, remember that we stand at the threshold of something extraordinary. The journey we've embarked on together isn't just about reviving a church—it's about igniting a movement that can change our community and beyond.

Resurgence isn't just a possibility for our church; it's a promise waiting to be claimed. We've seen the vision of dry bones coming to life. Now, it's time to walk in that reality together. Every step we take from this moment forward has the potential to shake the foundations of spiritual darkness and establish God's kingdom in unprecedented ways in our community.

Remember, the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us (Romans 8:11). **We are carriers of revival, agents of transformation, and catalysts for a resurgence that will echo through eternity.**

Don't be discouraged by the challenges ahead. Instead, be inspired by the countless testimonies of those who've gone before us. History is filled with stories of revival that started with just one church family daring to believe God for the impossible.

Stay the course. Fan into flame the gift of God within our church (2 Timothy 1:6). Our persistence, our prayers, and our passion are the kindling for the fire of revival that God is longing to ignite in our community.

We are not alone in this journey. The cloud of witnesses cheers us on, our brothers and sisters in Christ stand with us, and most importantly, the Almighty God goes before us.

So, rise up, Church Family! The time for hesitation is over. The season of resurgence is upon us. Let our light shine so brightly that it pierces through the darkest corners of despair and doubt. Let our love be so radical that it melts the coldest hearts. Let our faith be so unshakeable that it moves mountains of impossibility.

Our community is waiting. Heaven is watching. And God is ready to pour out His Spirit in ways we've never seen before.

This is our moment. This is our calling. This is the dawn of resurgence.

Now, go forth and set our community ablaze with the love and power of Jesus Christ!

**Standing with you in faith,
Your Church Leadership Team**