SURPRISING HOPE OUTLINE

Primary Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14 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. [2](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+2.asp) 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. [3](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+3.asp) He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.” [4](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+4.asp) Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! [5](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+5.asp) This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath[[a]](http://www.sermoncentral.com/bible.asp?Sort=book&HideReference=false&sitesearch=chan-keyword--ezekiel+37%3A1-14&sscat=bible&keyword=Ezekiel+37%3A1-14&version=NIV&SearchOptions=All&lstLimitSearch=1&lstFromBook=&lstToBook=#fn0) enter you, and you will come to life. [6](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+6.asp) I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’” [7](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+7.asp) 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](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+8.asp) I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. [9](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+9.asp) 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.’” [10](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+10.asp) So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. [11](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+11.asp) Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ [12](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+12.asp) Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. [13](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+13.asp) Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. [14](http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-ezekiel-37+14.asp) I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken,

WHEN DID HOPE DIE FOR YOU?

HOW DO WE GIVE PEOPLE HOPE?

1. PREACH \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 37:4

Jeremiah 29:11

Isaiah 41:10

1. SHARE GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 37:9-10

Acts 2:38

RESURRECTION

NT—1 Corinthians 15

The Resurrection changed everything and it changes everything for us.