**A FRESH START**

**Ezekiel 37: 1-10 (ESV)**

*“The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley;it was full of bones. 2And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3And he said to me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ And I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ 4Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath[to enter you, and you shall live. 6And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.’*

*7So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’ 10So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.”* (Ezekiel 37:1-10 ESV)

**Main Focus:** **God graciously extends to us the opportunity for a fresh start with Him.**

**When we receive God’s grace, we can have a fresh start by embracing these biblical truths:**

1. **GOD IS CONCERNED** (v.1-2)
* *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”* (1 Peter 5:6-7 ESV)
1. **GOD IS POWERFUL** (v.3)
* *“Behold, God is exalted in his power; who is a teacher like him?”* (Job 36:22 ESV)
1. **GOD’S WORD IS ALIVE** (v.4-6)
* *“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”* (Hebrews 4:12 ESV)
1. **GOD RESTORES** (v.7-10)
* *“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”* (1 Peter 5:10)

**We must practice:**

1. **Being available ( v.1-2)**
2. **Having faith (v.3)**
3. **Being obedient (v.4-6)**
4. **Being faithful (v.7-10)**

**Closing Challenge:**

**Submit and surrender to God’s will for your life today.**