

Message from the Minister - You know Lord, you know!

Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-10

Our churches are closed, doors locked and there is no life within the walls of our Sacred Spaces.

The vision of Ezekiel standing in the valley of dry bones gives us a blessed hope. Ezekiel saw a valley strewn with bones, scattered, bleached and dry, no life was found. God speaks to Ezekiel and asks an impossible question, "Can these dry bones live?"

Ezekiel's responds wisely in faith, 'You know Lord, you know'. God does know! He knows all things, nothing escapes His notice or attention. He loves to do the impossible.

When the Israelites had their backs against the sea as Pharaoh's army was charging, God parted the sea. When the Israelites were in need in the wilderness, God provided manna from heaven and water from dry rocks. When Peter and John met the lame man begging at the gate called Beautiful, Peter turning to the man said, 'Gold and silver I have not but what I do have I give to you, In the name of Jesus of Nazareth get up and walk.

When we reach the end of ourselves, our own resources and we have nowhere to turn and nothing to offer, God shows us He is the God of the impossible and reveals to us His glory.

We are reminded in the Scriptures that every hair on our heads is numbered and known to God. This should give us a great confidence. Whenever we are presented with impossible situations and when challenges overwhelm us, rather than succumbing to anxiety and fear, instead, lift up your head, worship and seek God in prayers of faith.

Christian, we need to remember everything is possible with God. We are a resurrection people and we should let these words both ring and sing in our hearts. God is the giver and sustainer of life, He even brings life to dry, scattered bones.

Jesus is the resurrection and the Life. He demonstrates His power even over death at the tomb of Lazarus who had died 4 days earlier and laid in the cold stone tomb. Jesus asks for the stone to be removed and calls out Lazarus by name. If Jesus had not called Lazarus by name all the dry bones in the valley would have risen to life! Lazarus hears his name being called and comes forward, still wrapped in his burial clothes.

Do you see? With God all things are possible. This is our God, He is our hope, our joy and our life. So when we ponder can our churches live even though they are closed and seemingly lifeless, then remember Ezekiel's faith in God, 'You know Lord, you know'. We the people are the church of God and we are not lifeless but Spirit filled and called out by name for His glory. Our lives when given to Christ, dedicated to Him and committed to His mission and glory, we have a supernatural life that has power to bring new life through the Gospel. May the Lord find his people rejoicing in these unsettling times, rejoicing in faith and doing what even seems impossible.

Prayer

Lord, we know Jesus loves His church as He gave His life for her. We know Jesus is returning for His bride and will be united to His bride for all eternity. We rejoice that not even the gates of hell can prevail against His church. May we know such faith in You that we see the impossible and experience new life given to dry bones for your glory we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen**