

PRINCIPLE #12

GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE AND HAS A PLAN

Family Devotion — Lesson 81

MEMORY VERSE — EZEKIEL 37:4

“Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD”

- God gave the prophet Ezekiel a vision (sort of like a dream) to see a valley of dry human bones. Ezekiel was told to prophesy (preach the future) to these bones. This was kind of weird, but there was a lesson in it.
- The bones represented the nation of Israel, who had been taken over by the Babylonians and killed. God warned them that this would happen if they did not repent of their sins. Ezekiel's prophesy was a message of hope, life, and restoration.
 - (v. 4) Hear the word of God!
 - (v. 5) God's Spirit will come into you and give you life!
 - (v. 6) You will know God!
- This vision represented an impossible scenario, BUT GOD CAN DO THE IMPOSSIBLE! Someday, God will open the spiritual eyes of Israel and they will become believers in Jesus. They will hear God's word, receive the Holy Spirit, and will know God personally (Rom. 11:26-27). It will be like coming back from the dead (Rom. 11:15).
- This whole scenario reminds us of how a person gets saved today. (1) We hear the word of God and believe. (2) God's Spirit comes into us and gives us everlasting life. (3) We come into a personal relationship with God and know Him.
- When God saves a person, it is a MIRACULOUS!



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How did God give Adam life? (Gen. 2:7) What does this teach us?
- Can a person know God personally apart from the Spirit of God? (1 Cor. 2:10-14).



PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to guide you to someone who needs to hear about Jesus.
- Thank God for the Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to help you have more faith in His word.



CHALLENGE

- True or false: There are more than 200 bones in the human body.