

Dead to Me

Part Four - Can These Bones Live?

- **Someone telling you, "You're dead to me!" is bad, but not as bad as God saying it.**

Genesis 6:3, Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

- **Israel is not dead to God.**

Psalms 41:17, The oppressed and the poor look for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched from thirst. I, the LORD, will respond to their prayers; I, the God of Israel, will not abandon them.

Ezekiel 37:1-6, 1 The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. 2 He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. 3 Then he asked me, "Son of man, can these bones become living people again?" "O Sovereign LORD," I replied, "you alone know the answer to that." 4 Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD!' 5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! 6 I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

Matthew 24:32-35, 32 Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branches become tender and sprout leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you will know that He is near, right at the door. 34 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.

How to Be Prepared

- 1. Put your trust and faith in Jesus.**

Romans 11:17-22, 17 But some of the olive branches have been broken off, and you, a wild olive branch, have been grafted in their place. You get your nourishment from the

roots of the olive tree. 18 So don't brag about being better than the other branches. If you brag, remember that you don't support the root, the root supports you. 19 "Well," you say, "Branches were cut off so that I could be grafted onto the tree." 20 That's right! They were broken off because they didn't believe, but you remain on the tree because you do believe. Don't feel arrogant but be afraid. 21 If God didn't spare the natural branches, he won't spare you, either. 22 Look at how kind and how severe God can be. He is severe to those who fell, but kind to you if you continue to hold on to his kindness. Otherwise, you, too, will be cut off [from the tree].

2. See world events through a Biblical worldview.

Romans 12:2, Don't become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think. Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants - what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

3. Share Christ with as many people as you can.

Romans 10:13-14, "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." 14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?