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Transforming Daily
“... and breath came into them, and they lived ...”
Ezekiel 37:10

When I was a child my father had a reel to reel tape recorder. He had quite a few reels of tape with the music of live bands that he had recorded from all over the world at places where he was stationed. These were not only original recordings they were the only recordings of their kind. Dad was very clear that my older brother, younger sister and I were never to touch the recorder even if he were present. One afternoon when my parents weren't home we set up the recorder and tried to listen to the tapes. It wasn't long into the act of disobedience that everything came unglued. At the end of the crisis, that is having found the right button to stop the reel from continuing to spew countless feet of priceless, irreplaceable tape, over the player onto the table and cascading like molten lava to the floor, we began to panic. We tried to rethread the reels (I didn't know that it was called rethreading then), but the tape was thin and twisted (I'm feeling queasy all over again, is it hot in here?) and it wouldn't fit just right. In addition, for whatever reason, the amount of tape that lay like spaghetti on the floor wouldn't go back on the same reel. So we broke off the excess tape and threw it in the garbage. We put everything back the way it was (or so we thought), and for some time we got away with the crime. However . . . suffice it to say my dad eventually found out. The good news is that it wasn't a total loss. What we couldn't fix with our own feeble attempts, my father was able to redeem.

Ezekiel prophesies and records the miraculous event of the four winds bringing the breath of God into the valley upon the dry bones of slain Israelites. Life is the result. The literal interpretation notwithstanding, a general application, perhaps a universal principal from this text, may encourage the believer to remember that we too at one time lay spiritually dead in the valley of death in our trespasses and sins. However, by grace through faith, life was offered through Calvary's cross as we exercised trust in the shed blood of Jesus Christ to receive that gift of life eternal. God breathed life through the Holy Spirit quickening our souls to new life.

Have you experienced the breath of life through Jesus Christ? Are you sharing your faith with those who still lie spiritually dead in the valley of death? Rejoice in the Lord for His Word is true and everlasting!