

New Life Christian Fellowship

East Africa crisis, chaos in Norway; the news is rarely good. Are you overwhelmed with hopelessness? Sometimes it seems there is no answer!

In the beginning there was darkness...(Genesis 1). No life, nothing, until: "God said". God's Word brought light, life and hope from nothing.

God showed Ezekiel a vision, a valley full of dry bones (Ezekiel 37).

Could these bones live again?

God spoke: "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

Broken relationships, sickness, despair, poverty; if you think things are impossible, you can relate to Ezekiel. He saw bones. God saw an army!

It was Ezekiel who had to speak out God's word, to kick things off. We may also need to see situations from new perspectives.

When God speaks there is power. We can source this power in our lives, and pray it into the lives of others.

Ezekiel spoke: "So I prophesied as...commanded...as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them."

Sounds like a valley of Zombies now! Next step, life:

"Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

The result? "So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet — a vast army."

I'm not saying things aren't hard, they are; but we **can** hope. God sees beyond our situation and can help us to make it through.

If we gather together and hold up God's Word, we can change things. Like Ezekiel, we can speak God's word into situations, with authority. God's Word is everlasting: "Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear." (Mat 24:35).

Remember, one word from God can speak dry bones into an army. With God nothing is impossible!

New Life Christian Fellowship Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am Sundays, all welcome. Call 01834 831533/07827293781 if you want to talk or would like us to pray. Visit www.tearfund.org to support **East Africa Crisis Appeal**.