

It's Time For The Prophetic Utterance By The Church.

We have just completed our time of praying and fasting and during this time we have prayed for various situations in our nation, our immediate community and in our own lives.. This was a period of time we set aside to focus on praying for a breakthrough in our community in New Malden.

As a church we have been declaring and prophesying from Ezekiel 37 that these dry bones shall live.

We have all seen skeletons, which are not very pretty and when we look around us today we can see a dryness in peoples lives... A bit like that skeleton which isn't much to look at.

Our society today is broken, fragmented, family structure is broken, marriages are broken, trust has been broken between adults and adults to children and vice versa. There is a spiritual dryness resulting in apathy for the things of God. There is an intolerance to knowing the truth, to preaching and teaching Jesus today.

We are living in times where lies are acceptable, where dishonesty is accepted, promiscuity is accepted, cheating is accepted and living the way you like with whoever you like in whatever shape or form so long as it feels good has come into our society today.

Moral values have been degraded and a spirit of secularism (*Secularists* oppose religion or the religious being afforded privileges), deception, lust & greed has taken a precedence in society today.

Into this environment of dryness, baroness and blindness to the truth we have prophesied the word of the Lord.

The prophetic word which is the spoken word of God in your mouth has the power, the capability and the capacity to change the circumstances by breathing life into a "hopeless" situation to those looking from the outside. We are insiders- with hope. We know the truth and the power in the Word of God. Hallelujah!

Ezek 37 V9-10 (TLB) That the breath of God will come from the 4 winds... He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath. Prophecy, son of man. Tell the breath, 'God, the Master, says, Come from the four winds. Come, breath. Breathe on these slain bodies. Breathe life!'" 10 So I prophesied, just as he commanded me. The breath entered them and they came alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army.

What is this 'breath' the Bible is talking about? If you look at Genesis you will see the earth was without form and void, the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapours. Into this God speaks, "*Let there be light*" and there was light.

In Genesis you have God's Word Jesus, you have God the Father and you have the Holy Spirit: the Trinity all represented in creation.

Many people get spooked out when we talk about Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost but in Hebrew it is "ruach" which means "air in motion" and it's the same word for breath which also means life. By resemblance to breath and air in motion it means Spirit.

Then God spoke, *"Let there be light"* when you speak, it's through your breath that the words take form. God spoke (breath - Spirit) the Word (Jesus) and there was Light. When God spoke the Trinity was involved as one just as when you breathe and you speak your words become one with you.

John 1: 3 tells us, *all things were made through Jesus, in Jesus was life*. In Vs10 it says the world was made through Jesus and it is through Jesus we receive the right to be called children of God (v12). Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (29) and He is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit (v33) and in fact but there's no life giving spirit (1Cor15:45) in them, so God tells Ezekiel 37:4 to prophesy to those bones and declare the word of the Lord that breath will come into them and they will live. (Vs 4-6)

I believe as a church that our time to prophesy and declaration of the Word of the Lord into our society and community is imminent. It's time to declare the Holy Spirit of God to bring life into our community.

Ezekiel's first prophesy was for shape and form and substance which is the sinews, flesh and skin to cover, so it now looks like a body, but still dead, because breath hasn't come into them. I think we also have to prophesy to the breath/wind to blow from the four winds and declare to the breath, the Holy Spirit of God to breathe on these dead bodies so that they come alive.

Ezekiel did not stop prophesying when he saw the fully formed body because as yet there was no life in them. No matter how hard it gets church let's never stop prophesying the breath of God's Spirit to activate our people and community and nation.

It was when Ezekiel gave the second prophesy declaring the breath to come from the four winds and breathe on the dead bodies that they began to live.

If we want to see people walk in through these doors to have an encounter with Jesus let's not stop looking at the fully formed body alone which externally may look good and in tact but inwardly dead and corrupt, but let's declare the breath of God into people and communities and nations even in these last times we are living in that a mighty harvest of an army of souls will rise up and fulfil the plan of God in their lives.

Practical : Start prophesying... Lord you know that that these dead bones can live.. name those bones.. say " O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord - God is causing His breath to come into you so you can live. God is putting sinews on you, flesh on you and covering you with skin and breathe into you the quickening spirit of life.