

**Spirit of Truth – Experiencing the Spirit's strength**

What do you understand about the Holy Spirit?

Ezekiel background

**Ezekiel 37 ... and experiencing the strength of God's Spirit**

Verse 11 ...bones represent the dead, lifeless, hopeless nation of God's people.

“Can these bones live?”

... proclaim the ‘Word of YHWH’

... send the ‘breath of God’

Verse 5-6... an overview

Two things God requires

- 1) Verse 4 & verse 7...to speak God's word
- 2) Verse 9 ....Send God's Spirit into these bodies.

... life to his dead people through the speaking of his word and the work of his Spirit.

**For us today**

- 1) The danger we face
  - a) to drive wedge between the speaking of God's word ... and working of God's Spirit to bring this word to life.

Eg: ... a spirit focus vrs a bible focus.

see Ephesians 6:10-20.

... verse 17 ...‘the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God’.

see 2 Peter 1:20-21 <sup>20</sup> *Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.* <sup>21</sup> *For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

See 1 Peter 1:12

= From God's point of view, his word and the life giving work of his Spirit go together.

Examples of danger

- b) We need God's Spirit

- 2) Experiencing the Spirit's strength