With God, Nothing Is Impossible – Ezekiel 37:1-14

With God, nothing is impossible! Do you believe that? No situation is without hope, no person is beyond His reach; there is no darkness that His light cannot penetrate. As a church we have a vision, a sense of destiny, included in this is a longing to see hundred and thousands of men, women and children come to meet Jesus and be transformed by Him. Many of you are living with personal dreams and visions. We all have dreams and visions that cannot be achieved in our own strength. With God, nothing is impossible!

This passage is set in the period of Exile. Israel has been cut off from their homeland – the land that has been promised to them. They are stuck in Babylon, following their failure to trust God, leaning on their own wisdom that has failed them. Ezekiel – a prophet – is raised up to speak to God’s people, exposing their fall. It is a bleak and shocking tale. This passage is a light of hope in that dark place. ‘Yes you are in Babylon – but don’t forget who your God is, what He has done, what He can do and what He will do!’

1) Believe the Impossible

In the vision God laid out before Ezekiel was a scene of death. For the prophet, this picture represented Israel, a once great nation but now like a mass of dry bones, powerless, lifeless and impotent. Faced with this image, Ezekiel is asked a key question: “Can these dry bones live?” This question forces Ezekiel to focus on what he believes about God.

a) There is no God – it’s a bleak situation, and nothing will happen.
   b) There may be a God – He might exist and here’s an opportunity for Him to show Himself.
   c) God can do it and will do it – Bones, I command you to live, God make these bones live.
   d) God, You know. – Believing a God who is Sovereign, Able and has a Plan.

Ezekiel’s response knew that God saw what was happening, involved in it all. Ezekiel could recall the God who had the power to save His people. Ezekiel relied on God’s perfect plan – not his own, not the plan of Israel, but the Will of God.

Believing the impossible is foundational to who you are. A Christian is someone who believes in the God of Impossibilities.

Q. How do you react to the impossible? How does Ezekiel’s response change our view of God in the impossible?
Q. How can we learn to trust God’s will in situations that are overwhelming?

2) Speak to the Impossible

Ezekiel is asked to ‘speak the word of the Lord to the dry bones’. The Word of the Lord is ‘a lamp’, ‘light’, ‘life’, ‘truth’. As a church, we believe in the power of the Word of God. His Word creates, restores, purifies, saves – without His Word there would be no creation. The Word of God is Vital to how we live.

Q. How do we allow the Word of God to change our lives? What dry bones and impossibilities do we need to speak over?
Q. How can we use the Word of God (the Bible) to bring strength in difficult times?

But note – the bones had sinews, flesh, muscle, form – but they had no breath. They had no life.

3) See the Impossible

The breath came and the army came alive. The breath in this passage is the same breath referred to in Genesis. The ‘ruach’ – the Breath of God, the Spirit of God. This breath is no ‘it’, but is the precious, third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Without the breath there is no life, there is no love of God, there is no miracle.

The power does not come from our clever preaching. The power doesn’t come from the words in the text. The power comes from the breath of God. So, why should we bother? Because God has revealed that ‘Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ’. The Spirit comes as the words are spoken.

Q. If it is God’s initiative, how does that affect what we do and our responsibility?
Q. What hope can we have when faced with our valleys of dry bones?

Pray for...
- individuals that we can see God at work in the ‘impossible’ situations.
- the church as we long to transform the lives of hundreds and thousands of lives.