



**We all have boxes that we store things in. We all have at least one box of “stuff”.**

We keep things in these boxes because we aren't ready to let go of them. We have physical boxes but we all have a figurative box of stuff.

**Our figurative box of “stuff” usually contains things that we thought were dead.**

Maybe we put in there promises that we never saw fulfilled, maybe it's prayer requests that we still want God to answer. It may even been a hope that we once had, but just never think it will happen now.

We haven't discarded them yet, but we've put them in this box for dead.

## **Ezekiel 37:1-10**

### **Death, Breath and Life**

#### **Death**

The bones, were not just dead, but they were dry! When we think about things that are dead, we think about hopelessness, lifelessness and things that are long gone.

But when God is involved, nothing is truly too far gone!

#### **Breath**

God asks Ezekiel, can these bones live? Ezekiel is told to prophecy, to *nabi*. This means that Ezekiel is told to proclaim and deliver a message. He was told to speak life over these bones.

Breath is important because it is our breath with which we speak in faith over those things that we thought were dead. It is also the breath (*ruach*) of God that gave life to the dry bones.

#### **Life**

The connection between life and death is breath. Life came through Ezekiel's voice speaking in faith over the bones and through the breath of God moving in these bones.

