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WHAT LIFE HAS BROKEN DOES NOT ALWAYS HAVE TO REMAIN BROKEN: DRY BONES SPEAK: (Ezek 37:1-14)

A REFLECTION BY FR JOSEPH KIRUMIRA

Pray until the breath of the Holy Spirit enters your dry bones; rise from despair into joy, from weakness into strength, and from barrenness into the greatness God has prepared for you.

Where the Holy Spirit breathes, dry bones rise; where prayer persists, hope awakens; where hope awakens, joy returns; and where God gives life, greatness can rise from the ruins.

What life has broken does not always have to remain broken; with time, wisdom, grace, and God's breath, the scattered pieces can find new forms of life.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 presents one of the Bible's strongest images of hope: a valley filled with dry bones that become living people through the breath of God. The vision begins with death, dryness, and apparent dearth, yet it ends with restoration, identity, and life. Its central message is simple but profound: what looks finished to human eyes may not be finished in the hands of God.

Poverty can empty the hands without having the power to empty the future; Poverty may dry up resources, but it cannot dry up God's purpose; where the world sees bones, God can still see abundant blessings and prosperity.

It's not good to measure our financial future by today's emptiness; God can breathe wisdom, opportunities, discipline, and favor into seasons of scarcity.

When God's breath enters our financial and human struggle, dry resources can become seeds, closed doors can become new paths, and dormant potentials can rise again.

FIRST READING

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder,

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah
22:19-23**

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house. *The word of the Lord.*

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Psalm 137:1-3. 6. 8. \$ v. 8

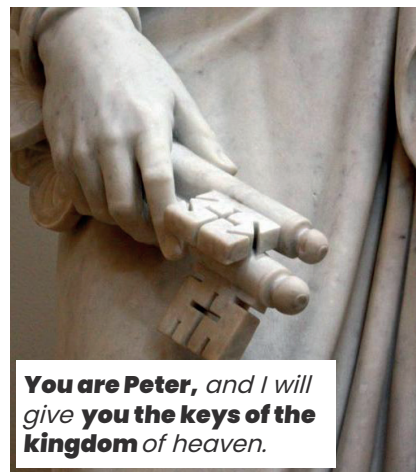
Response: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands

SECOND READING

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who



You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen. *The word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys

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of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

ESSOMO I

"Ekisumuluzo eky'ennyumba ya Daudi ndikiteeka ku kibegabega kye."

Bye tusoma mu kitabo kya Yisaaya Omulanzi. (22, 19-23)

Bw'ati Omukama bw'agamba Sobina, katikikiro W'ekigga, nti: Nja kukugoba mu mulimo gwo, Omukama ajja kukugga na wano w'obadde. Era ku lunaku lwe lumu nja kuyita omuweereza wange Eliyakimu, mutabani wa Elikiya. Nja kumwamba-za ekyambalo kyo, mmusibise olwebaggyo lwo, mmukwase obuyinza bwo; alifuuka muzadde w'ab'omu Yeruzalimu n'ow'enju ya Yuda. Nja kussa ekisumuluzo ky'Enju ya Daudi ku kibegabega kye: bw'aliggala tiwaliba aggala, bw'aliggala tiwaliba aggulawo. Ndimukomererawo ng'en-

kondo mu kifo ekigumu ddala, alifuuka nnamulondo ey'ekitiibwa mu nju ya kitaawe. *Ebyo Omukama y'obyogera.*

OLUYIMBA OLW'OKWEBULIRIRA

EKIDIBWAMU: Ayi Mukama, ekisa kyo kya mirembe gyonna, tolisuulirira mulimo gwa mikono gyo.

ESSOMO II

"Byonna byava ku ye, byafuluma ku ye, mu ye mwe biri."

Bye tusoma mu bbaluwa eya Paulo Omutume gye yawandiikira ab'e Roma (11, 33-36)

Ekirombe ky'amagezi n'okumanya kwa Katonda nga tibikoma! By'ateesa nga tibyefumiitirizika, n'amakubo ge tiwali agagoba n'agayinza! Ani yali ategedde Omukama by'alowooza? Ani yali amusalidde ku magezi? Ani oyo eyasooka okumuwa ye kati amuddize? Kubanga byonna byava ku ye, byafuluma ku ye, mu ye mwe biri: atenderezebwe emirembe gyonna. Amiina. *Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera,*

EVANGIRI

"Ggwe oli Petero, ndikuwa ebisumuluzo eby'obwakabaka obw'omu ggulu."

Ebigambo by'Evanjiri ya Mukama waffe Yezu Kristu ebivudde mu Matayo. (16, 13-20)

Mu budde buli, Yezu yalaga mu kitundu eky'e Sezarea eky'a Filippo; n'abuuza abayigirizwa be nti: Omwana w'omuntu bamuyita ani? Bo ne bagamba nti: Abamu, Yoanna Batista; abalala, Elia ate abalala, Yeremia oba omu ku balanzi. Yezu n'abagamba nti: Kale, nga mmwe mumpita ani? Simoni Petro n'ayanukula n'agamba nti: Ggwe Kristu Omwana wa Katonda omulamu. Yezu kwe kwanukula n'amugamba nti: Simoni mutabani wa Yona, weesiimye, kubanga omubiri n'omusaayi si bye byakubikkulira ekyo, wabula Kitange ali mu ggulu. Nange ka nkubuulire: Ggwe oli lwazi, ku lwazi okwo kwe ndizimba Eklezia wange; n'emirango gy'emagombe tigurimusobola. Era ndikuwa ebisumuluzo eby'obwakabaka obw'omu ggulu: kyonna ky'olisiba mu nsi, nga ne mu ggulu kisibiddwa; kyonna ky'olisumulula mu nsi, nga ne mu ggulu kisumuluddwa. Awo n'akuutirira abayigirizwa be obutabuulirako muntu nti ye Ye Kristu.

Ebigambo by'Evanjiri eno bikomye awo..

Theologically, the passage speaks first to Israel's condition in exile. The people say, "Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone." Their political collapse has become an existential crisis. They do not merely lack land; they lack hope. The bones therefore represent a community that has lost its sense of future. Ezekiel's vision answers despair not with human optimism but with divine action.

The philosophical question is: Can life emerge from what appears completely dead and lost? Human reason often judges reality by what is visible. Dry bones suggest irreversible death. Yet God asks Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?" The question exposes the limits of human knowledge. Ezekiel wisely answers, "Lord, you alone know."

The passage also presents creation as a continuing work of God. God first commands the prophet to speak to the bones. Then sinews, flesh, and skin appear. Yet the bodies remain lifeless until God commands the breath to enter them. This re-

calls Genesis, where life comes through divine breath. The Hebrew word *ruach* can mean spirit, breath, or wind. Ezekiel therefore joins creation and redemption: the God who created life can recreate life.

The vision also challenges premature conclusions. Dryness is not necessarily death. Silence is not necessarily abandonment. The valley looks like a cemetery, but God sees potential for resurrection. Thus, "Do not call it dead because it is dry" Dry love may burn again; broken relationships may heal; empty resources may recover; lost dreams may rise in a new form. "Never interpret the valley by what your eyes see; interpret it by what God can breathe into it—because the place of your deepest dryness may become the birthplace of your greatest restoration.

The climax of the vision is not merely that the bones come together. It is that breath enters them. This distinction matters. The bodies have form, but they do not yet have life. Structure alone is not

enough. Appearance alone is not enough. Organization alone is not enough.

They need breath.

This speaks powerfully to our own lives. We can have plans without purpose, resources without wisdom, relationships without intimacy, activity without meaning, and possessions without peace. We can look alive outwardly while feeling exhausted or empty inwardly.

The breath of God gives more than existence. It gives renewed purpose, strength, identity, and direction.

There are seasons when what we need most is not simply more resources but the breath of God upon the resources we already have.

A small amount can become sufficient when accompanied by wisdom.

A little opportunity can become significant when guided by discipline.

A modest gift can become fruitful when surrendered to God.

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Sunday Offertory	8,124,900	\$9
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Marriage Stole Fees	600,000	
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- We have celebrated the 21st Sunday in ordinary time year A. We thank you for your active participation at Mass. This Sunday, we shall have a second collection for SAAFU and Mr. Bwanika is here to talk to us.
- We thank the Queen of Peace Choir for leading adoration last Thursday. This Thursday 27th August 2026 adoration will be led by the Youth 4 Christ at 5pm.
- We shall have our monthly Adult Catechesis on Tue. 25th August 2026 with the theme: "Catholic on Sunday, But what about Monday? Living the Faith beyond the Church door; to be facilitated by Fr. Reagan Daniel Kisitu, starting at 6:00pm
- The Holiday Program catechism classes started last week. We kindly request parents to bring their children for the catechism instruction classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting from 9:00am to 1:45pm.
- We shall have a meeting on Life Insurance cover scheduled on Thur. 27th August 2026 starting at 6:15pm after adoration. All the youth and all choir members are invited to attend the meeting.
- We shall have the Good Samaritan and Prisons Ministry Deanery workshop on Sat.05th September 2026 starting at 8:00am to 4:00pm with the main facilitator as Fr. Joseph Mukiibi (Director of Social Communications for Kampala Archdiocese)
- The Youth For Christ - I4U of Ntinda Parish have organized a mid-year pilgrimage to Kiwamirembe on Wednesday, 26th August 2026, for all youth aged 13 to 19 years, under the theme "Surrender & Recharge in Christ." Registration is UGX 20,000 per child. The deadline is Wednesday 19th August 2026. Find us at the tent after Mass to register your child or call 0768495300 for more information.

A weak beginning can become a strong testimony when God breathes upon it.

Therefore, the prayer of the barren season should not only be, "Lord, give me more." It can also be:

"Lord, breathe upon what remains."

There are people who are living in valleys that look very much like Ezekiel's valley.

Someone is looking at an empty bank account and wondering how the future will survive.

Someone is watching a marriage struggle and wondering whether love can live again.

Someone is carrying disappointment after disappointment and wondering whether hope has any meaning.

Someone is holding a dream that has been buried by circumstances.

Someone has prayed for years and sees no visible answer.

To such a person, Ezekiel's vision does not offer cheap optimism. It offers something deeper: the assurance that God is not limited by the condition in which He finds us.

Your present condition may be real, but it is not necessarily your final condition.

- The valley is real.
- The bones are real.
- The dryness is real.
- The loss is real.
- But God is also real.

And the God who speaks to dry bones still speaks into places where human beings have stopped expecting life.

God does not always restore the past exactly as it was; sometimes He breathes new life into the fragments and gives them a the best in life.

- Mwaniki Paul Mwangi** of Mutungo son of John Mwaniki Mwangi and Jane Margaret Njeri of Nairobi- Kenya wishes to marry **Adoch Mary Clare** of Mutungo daughter of Ochiira Andrew Henry and Among Lillian Catherine of Ntinda
- James Nsobya** of Kabaga son of Late Nsobya James and Florence Kayiira Namala of Nkumba wishes to marry **Jacinta Haguma** of Kabaga daughter of Haguma John Baptist and Ndyagumamu Jovanith of Mbuya
- Okumu Benon** of Kyaliwajjala son of Opar Alex and Angelina Acanda of Angal Olyeko-nebbi wishes to marry **Okumu Stella** of Kyaliwajjala daughter of George. B. Okumu and Akello Pamela of Entebbe
- Patrick Muhumuza** of Kitikifumba son of Ruzindana Anthony and Robinah. N. Ruzindana of Kawanda,

Nkokonjeru wishes to marry **Uwera Lilian** of Kitikifumba daughter of Mugisha John Bosco and Roza Beyatiresi Kamashazi of Zzana

- **Mukasa Herbert Karl** of Nsasa son of Majwala Lawrence and Jesca Kiwanuka of Kisagazi-mukungwe-masakawishes to marry **Nabifo Barbara** of Nsasa daughter of Kuloba James and Nantaba Harriet of Banda-b 11
- **Mutyaba Goerges William** of Naalya son of Late Charles Katende Kaija and Nnayiga Grace of Naalya

wishes to marry **Sandra Joyce Nakibuuka** of Kasangati daughter of Katula William Kibuuka and Late Namuli Joyce of Kasangati

- **Eng. Mangeni Moses Peter** of Kamuli C-kireka son of Late Sanya Stephen and Mukalukwiza Teresa of Kamuli C-kirekawishes to marry **Kukundakwe Bridget of Kishariro-muko** daughter of Late Kwatakare Genesius and Kamusiime Teopista of Ntungamo.
- **Rwagasore Bernard** of Ntinda son of Bigirimana Robert and Late Ing-

abire Frazia of St.mary Mutolere Parish wishes to marry **Dinah Aijuka** of Najeera daughter of Thomas Tibaijuka and Joan Bainomugisha of Namugongo

- **Moses Seema** of Makoma Buwuni Tic Bugiri District son of Peter Mwafulu and Naome Logose of Makoma Buwuni Tic Bugiri District wishes to marry Agnes Joyce Naggita of Makoma A Buwuni Tic Bugiri District daughter of Late Augustine Lugolobi and Christine Nankabirwa of Kibiri Village

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They continue to pray for her soul to rest in eternal peace.



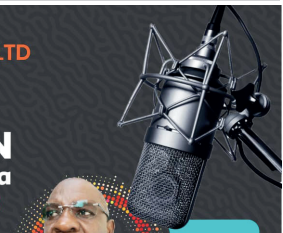
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General Meeting

The Marriage and Family Ministry invites you all for the monthly general meeting.



Date:
24th August 2026



Time:
6:00PM



Venue:
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Your participation will be a blessing for family and community.

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