

## Can These Bones Live?

*He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.'*

Ezekiel 37.3

*...he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.*

Romans 8.11

...the false prophets claimed that God lived in the Temple and would never allow the city to fall and the Temple to be desecrated. This was just one of many \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs held by the people. It cannot be emphasized enough to think rightly about God; right living depends on right thinking about God for all people of all ages.

...they clung to the lies they believed about God so tenaciously, it took the trauma of the destruction of Jerusalem to get them to begin to \_\_\_\_\_ how they were thinking.

With the Temple, the dwelling place of God destroyed, \_\_\_\_\_ was God now in the midst of all their suffering, suffering that they brought upon themselves?

He was going to create for them a new future in the land of Israel.... This was going to be a "new" future; \_\_\_\_\_ would have to be a "new" people!

You are preparing for a \_\_\_\_\_ future with a new pastor and God's promise that the walls of this building will not contain what God is going to do. BUT, you can't rest on past laurels; the kingdom of God doesn't work like that.... You will be participants in that new future, and it requires continual reflection, continual repentance, continual looking to Christ for your "new" future, for dry bones are not the last word in the Kingdom of God!

Sin is the human default program, and it has consequences, and it is a force with which to be reckoned. Not \_\_\_\_\_ of us is immune.

In a world where fractured people condemn and judge others for any perceived wrong, God \_\_\_\_\_ love, grace and forgiveness.

There it is! Paul outlines two mindsets for us; one in the flesh, and one in the Spirit. It's our \_\_\_\_\_, flesh or Spirit?

We have had two revivals in this congregation over the last decades: the first began when we started attending the Redevelopment Conferences on the west coast sponsored by our General Assembly some 20 years ago. The second began when we started attending the Apprentice Gatherings over 10 years ago in Wichita with a focus on \_\_\_\_\_. Both of those experiences have shaped and formed us as a congregation.

As we prepare for a new pastor, is it time for a \_\_\_\_\_?

