



# VALLEYS

## Valleys: The Valley of Dry Bones

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**Speaker:** Dr. Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 36:1, 37:1-14

### Series Overview

We love mountaintops, but the valleys are where faith is forged, vision is revealed, and breakthroughs happen. It's in the valleys of life that His presence is made real and His power is made perfect. During this series, we'll navigate the valley of giants, the valley of shadows, the valley of decision, the valley of heartbreak, and the valley of vision. It's in the valley that we discover who we are, and more importantly, who God is.

### Series Discussion Questions

How have some of the valleys you've experienced shaped who you are today?  
How have they shaped your understanding of God?

### Message Overview

The Valley of Dry Bones is the place where God's resurrection power is revealed. It's the place where we discover our authority as Christ-followers. There comes a moment when you need to stop talking to God about your problems, and start talking to your problems about God. You have to prophesy to the mountain, prophesy to the storm, prophesy to the dry bones. What do we speak? Life. Love. Truth. We echo, "Let there be light." We echo, "Peace, be still." We echo, "Hear the word of the Lord."

In addition to the message, Dr. Kerley Most, psychotherapist and Capitol Hill NCC'er, helps us to navigate the valleys with the help of her professional counseling background. [Check out this week's video](#) on ways to become a prophet and speak to the dry bones in your life. You can pass this video along to your group members, or watch it together when you meet.

## Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Pastor Mark describes a prophet as someone who speaks truth, encouragement, strength, comfort, and healing into the lives of others. Who has been a prophetic voice in your life?

Read Ezekiel 36 and 37. What stands out to you?

What are some promises of God that you hold close when in the valley?

Think back to your childhood, denominational beliefs, and life experiences that have shaped your views of the Holy Spirit. What has your relationship with the Holy Spirit looked like throughout your lifetime? Has it shifted at all?

In Ezekiel 36 and 37, we learn about God breathing life back into piles of old, dry bones. What dreams or parts of you have died over the years due to past life experiences? What might God want to breathe life back into in regard to your calling and dreams? What is the next right step for you to begin walking in obedience to that calling?

Have you ever thought about Mark 11:22-23 as a form of prophecy? We focus so much on the big picture of moving mountains that we often neglect to see that it requires us to speak to the mountains. What mountains do you need to speak to in your life right now?

How can you participate alongside the work of the Holy Spirit for your own miracle? For someone else's?

## Practical Application

- In [this video](#), Dr. Most shares seven ways to become a prophet. Were there any ways that stood out in particular to you? Which do you find the most challenging right now? What's one step you can take towards bringing your whole self (body, mind, and spirit) to God this week, so He can whisper life into your dry bones?
- Start each day this week by taking a few deep breaths and praying, "Come, Holy Spirit"
- Write a note or text someone who has been a prophetic voice to you. Then, ask God to give you a word or encouragement or healing to someone you know. Speak life into that person by giving them a call or sharing what God said to you in a note or text to them.

- If you're interested in learning more about using prophetic encouragement in everyday life, consider joining the [Basic Training in the Prophetic group](#). Also, email [prophetic@national.cc](mailto:prophetic@national.cc) to learn more about NCC's prophetic ministry.