

The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psalm 145:9

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel? 2. What does this story teach me about myself? 3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good? 4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God? 5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



WHAT IS GOD LIKE? GOD IS HOLY, GOOD, AND LOVING.

Ezekiel was a priest and a prophet. While God's people were captives in Babylon, God called Ezekiel to give them hope. The Spirit of God led the prophet Ezekiel to the middle of a valley full of bones. God said to him, "Ezekiel, can these bones live?"

God told Ezekiel to speak to the bones and say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 'I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live." While Ezekiel was saying these words, he heard a rattling sound, and the bones came together into the shape of people. They looked like people, but they were not alive; they were not breathing.

God said to Ezekiel, "Say to the breath: 'Come from the four winds and breathe into these dead people so they may live!" Ezekiel did so, and they came alive!

God explained to Ezekiel that this was a picture of the people of Israel. They were like dried up bones, without hope, but God would put His Spirit into them, and they would live and live in their own land.

"This is what God says: 'I am going to bring all my people from the nations where they have gone. I will gather them and make them one nation again, and one king will rule over them, a descendant of King David. They will no longer worship idols, and they will follow my laws and obey Me. They will be my people, and I will be their God. My dwelling place will be with them."

Christ Connection: God breathed life into dead bones in front of Ezekiel. The apostle Paul said that we are dead in our sins, but God gives us new life in Him when we trust in Jesus. God will forever be the God of all people who trust in Jesus.



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