

DRY BONES RISE

When You Feel Like You Don't Measure Up

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." – 2 Corinthians 12:9

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." – Ephesians 2:10

"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever." – Psalm 138:8

Reflection

There's a fear that doesn't shout—it whispers. It shows up in silence, in comparison, in failure. It says, "You're not strong enough. Not spiritual enough. Not man enough." And it's a lie. But it feels real. Because the world measures men by performance, power, and perfection. God doesn't.

Devotional Thought

Ezekiel saw bones—dry, scattered, useless. That's how many men feel. But God didn't say, "Try harder." He said, "Prophesy." He didn't wait for the bones to move—He spoke life into them.

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You don't have to be enough. You have to be His. That's the shift. Your worth isn't earned—it's declared. You're not defined by your past, your paycheck, or your performance. You're defined by the cross. And the cross says, "You are loved. You are chosen. You are called."

Jesus didn't recruit perfect men—He called fishermen, tax collectors, doubters, and failures. And He turned them into warriors. That's what He does.

Call to Action

- Write down every lie you've believed about your worth.
- Counter each one with Scripture.
- Memorize 2 Corinthians 12:9 like it's your anthem.
- Speak truth over your identity—daily.
- Invite a brother into the fight. Don't battle alone.

Prayer

Father, I feel like I'm falling short.

But You say I'm Your workmanship.

Speak life into my identity.

Silence the lies.

Make me a man who walks in grace, not fear.

Raise me up—not because I'm enough, but because You are.

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