

DAY EIGHT - FAST AND PRAY JANUARY 9, 2022

“I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven.” - Matthew 16:19

“Words may very well be the most powerful conduit of authority and power in the world. God’s ‘Let there be...’ created the world and everything in it.”

— *Dutch Sheets, Authority in Prayer*

There is a place for silent meditation but **there is also a time and place for spoken prayers.** When you pray, use your words. When our grandson, Luke, is frustrated or hurt and crying uncontrollably, I have heard his father say, “Son, use your words.” God has given us the ability, authority and power to speak life and death with words for help and deliverance, healing and consolation. He invites us to use our words so, we ought to come to God speaking.

“Oh God, thank you that Your Word is strong in my mouth.” I am not hesitant or shy to speak those things which come from You to my mind as I pray and seek your face.

I am chosen, called, appointed and anointed for divine purpose. Therefore, I will move forward in the plans of God knowing that I cannot not accomplish my assignment on my own, but by the Spirit of the Lord. I am bold as a lion to speak Your Word, to pray in the Spirit and with understanding.

“The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones. ² He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. ³ Then he asked me, “Son of man, can these bones become living people again?”

“O Sovereign Lord,” I replied, “you alone know the answer to that.”

⁴ Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, *‘Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord!’* ⁵ *This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again!* ⁶ *I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’*”

⁷ So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. ⁸ Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, *‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.’*” ¹⁰ So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.”

– Ezekiel 37:1-10 NLT