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Title: Living Lives of Impact
Text: Ezekiel 36: 26-27

Introduction

- A. We learn from the past.
- B. This is a biblical principle (1 Corinthians 10:1-6; Hebrews 4:1-11).
- C. History helps us to:
 1. Prevent repeating mistakes,
 2. Prepare for common pitfalls,
 3. Preserve that which is good,
 4. Pursue that which is of greatest value.

Consider Ezekiel 36:16-21; 37.

- A. Promises Fulfilled - Possession, Privilege and Purpose (Ezekiel 36:17a)
 1. God had given them a possession – a land within which to enjoy His blessings. They were to be good stewards of His provision (Deuteronomy 24:17-21; Galatians 6:9-10).
 2. God had given them a privilege to fellowship with Him. They were to treasure this relationship (Exodus 20:1-6, Matthew 22:37-40).
 3. God had given them a purpose – to create a thirst for God among the nations and to bring them His life (Micah 4:2; Matthew 5:13-14).
- B. Promises Forfeited – Actions, Attitudes, Ambitions (Ezekiel 36:17b-18)
 1. They dishonoured God by their actions (Galatians 5:19).
 2. They disappointed God by their attitudes (Galatians 5:20a).
 3. They displaced God by their ambitions (Galatians 5:20b).
- C. Promises Restored – Mind-sets, Motivation and Ministry (Ezekiel 36:26, 27; 37)
 1. They needed to think right – God promised a new heart (Romans 1:28).
 2. They needed to be moved tight – God promised them a new spirit (John 6:63; Romans 8:11).
 3. They needed a higher purpose – God showed His power to give life (Luke 4:18; John 20:21; Mark 16:17-20).

Conclusion

- Be where you should be - close to Him.
- Be what you should be - spiritually alert.
- Be who you should be - a bearer of Life and hope.

Reflect Jesus: Isaiah 42:1-4

- Depending on God,
- Seeking approval of God,
- Exhibiting the compassion of God,
- Resting in the certainty of God.