

New Beginnings



Lamentations 3:22-24

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,

for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.

3 Greek words for 'time'

- ▶ hora – an hour
- ▶ chronos – a space of time, duration
- ▶ kairos – due measure, fitness, proportion

- ▶ Broadly speaking, chronos expresses the duration of a period, kairos stresses it as marked by certain features
- ▶ Chronos marks quantity; kairos marks quality.

Ezekiel 37:1-10

- ▶ God is not afraid to put us in places of difficulty – so that we can be the solution.
- ▶ In every nation people will experience God's hand for blessing and God's hand for testing
- ▶ Those who remain true to God's principles, for them even the testing will be blessing!
- ▶ There are times in our lives that God opens our eyes to something and begins to share His burden with you.
- ▶ "Son of man, can these bones live?"
- ▶ God only asked Ezekiel to do one simple thing

John Piper

You don't have to know a lot of things for your life to make a lasting difference in the world. But you do have to know the few great things that matter, and then be willing to live for them and die for them.

The people that make a durable difference in the world are not the people who have mastered many things, but who have been mastered by a few great things.

Ezekiel 37:1-10

- ▶ Prophecy to the problem
- ▶ Prophecy the word
- ▶ Every miracle has two parts – ours and God's.
- ▶ 2 stages as God works
 - External structures – reformation
 - Internal nature - revival

Charles Finney

- ▶ The universal example of Bible saints, is one continued stream of prayer, flowing onward in a broad and deep current, with a strong and resistless tide, to the great ocean of God's boundless mercy and compassion.