

SPIRITUAL TASK — DRY BONES (Ezekiel 37)

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Story The Prophet Ezekiel saw a valley full of bones. He was asked, “Can these bones live?” He answered, “O Lord God, You know.” The Lord caused them to be covered with flesh and skin. Then the Lord put His Spirit in them and they lived.

Meaning Marriage and the pursuit of love can, at times, seem like a dry heap of lifeless bones. The Lord breathes new life into our love and marriage when both partners shun evils as hurtful to the soul, civil state, and body, and to the Lord, and when we commit ourselves to spiritual growth and our regeneration. “A person is in a state of truly conjugal love to the degree that he or she becomes spiritual” (*Conjugal Love* 130).

Task This week work on your marriage and your eternal life by approaching the Lord in your daily life. This means devoting time to prayer, to reading His Word, to removing disorders that prevent the Lord from drawing near, and making yourself useful to others. Love grows when the Lord’s presence with us grows, seeing as the Lord is the source of love. Work on these things this week and see if your relationships with others or your marriage warms and grows.