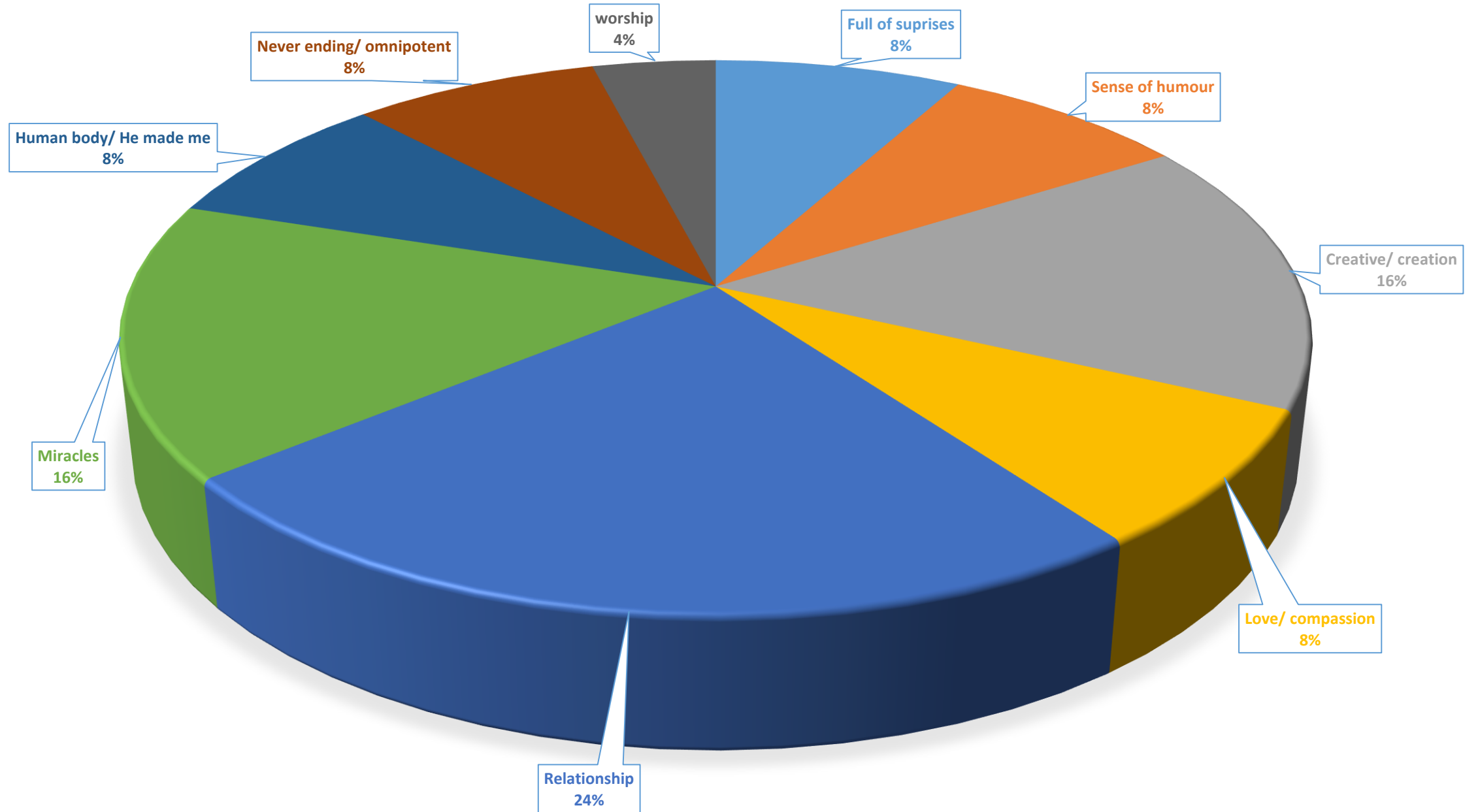


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# WHY GOD IS NOT BORING





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# The Spirit of the Lord

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it *was* full of bones.

Ezekiel 37:1 NKJV



## The Spirit of the Lord

**“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”**

**Acts 2:1-4 NKJV**



# The Spirit of the Lord

Ezekiel was in the Spirit and could see the vision – clearly see what God was seeing

- We need to receive the Holy Spirit
- We need to know the Holy Spirit
- We need to hear the Holy Spirit
- We need to see what God sees



The background image is a desolate, dry landscape. The ground is cracked and covered with a vast number of human skeletons, scattered across the valley floor. The sky is filled with heavy, dramatic clouds, with a bright light source breaking through on the right side, creating a hazy, golden glow. The overall mood is one of tragedy and desolation.

# Revelation

“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.”

Ezekiel 37:2 NLT

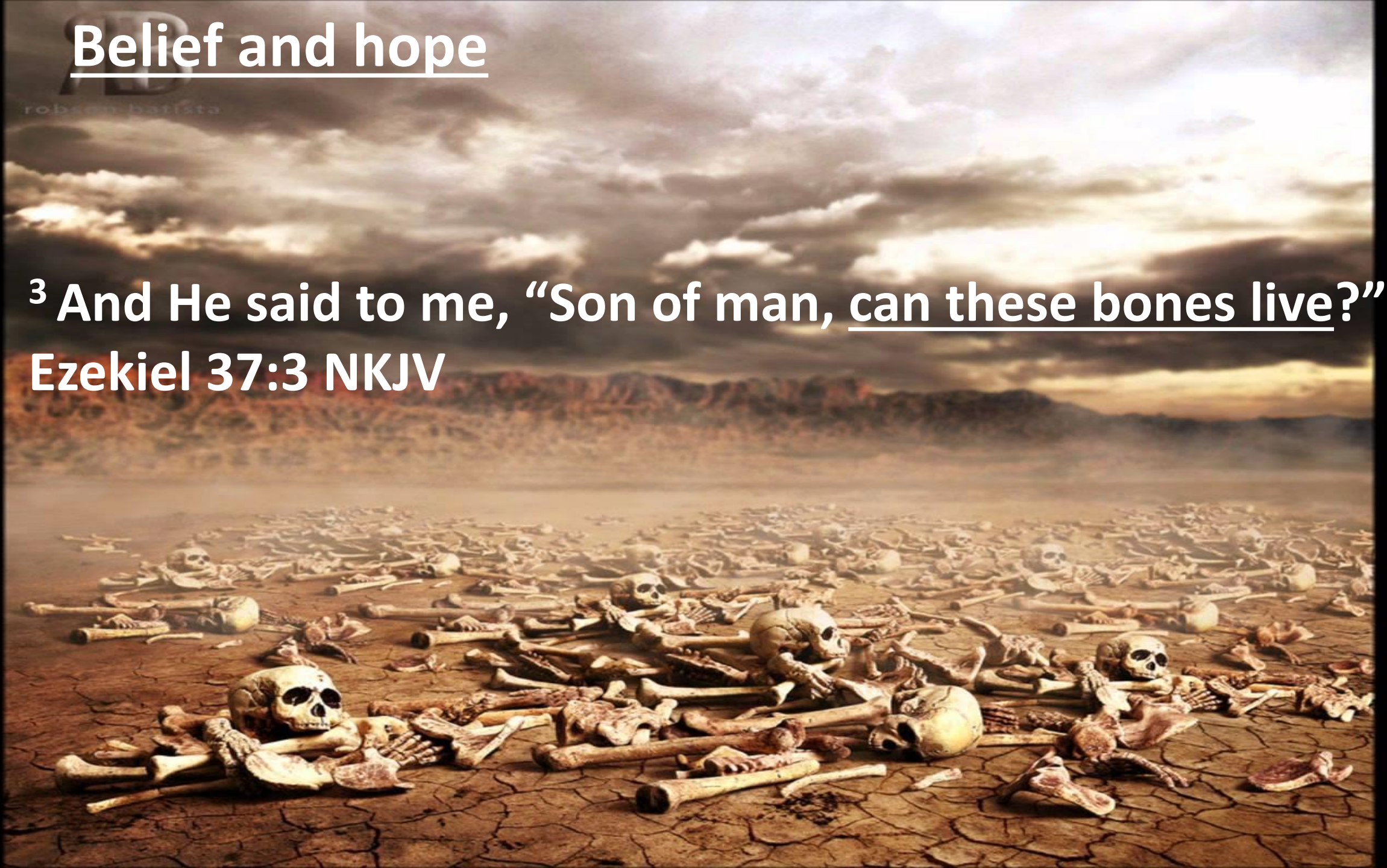
God wants to lead us to receive revelation of who God is, who we are, who others are, what’s happening in our city and nation.



# Belief and hope

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<sup>3</sup> And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”  
Ezekiel 37:3 NKJV





## Whole person

<sup>4</sup> Again He said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live.”

Ezekiel 37:4-6 NKJV



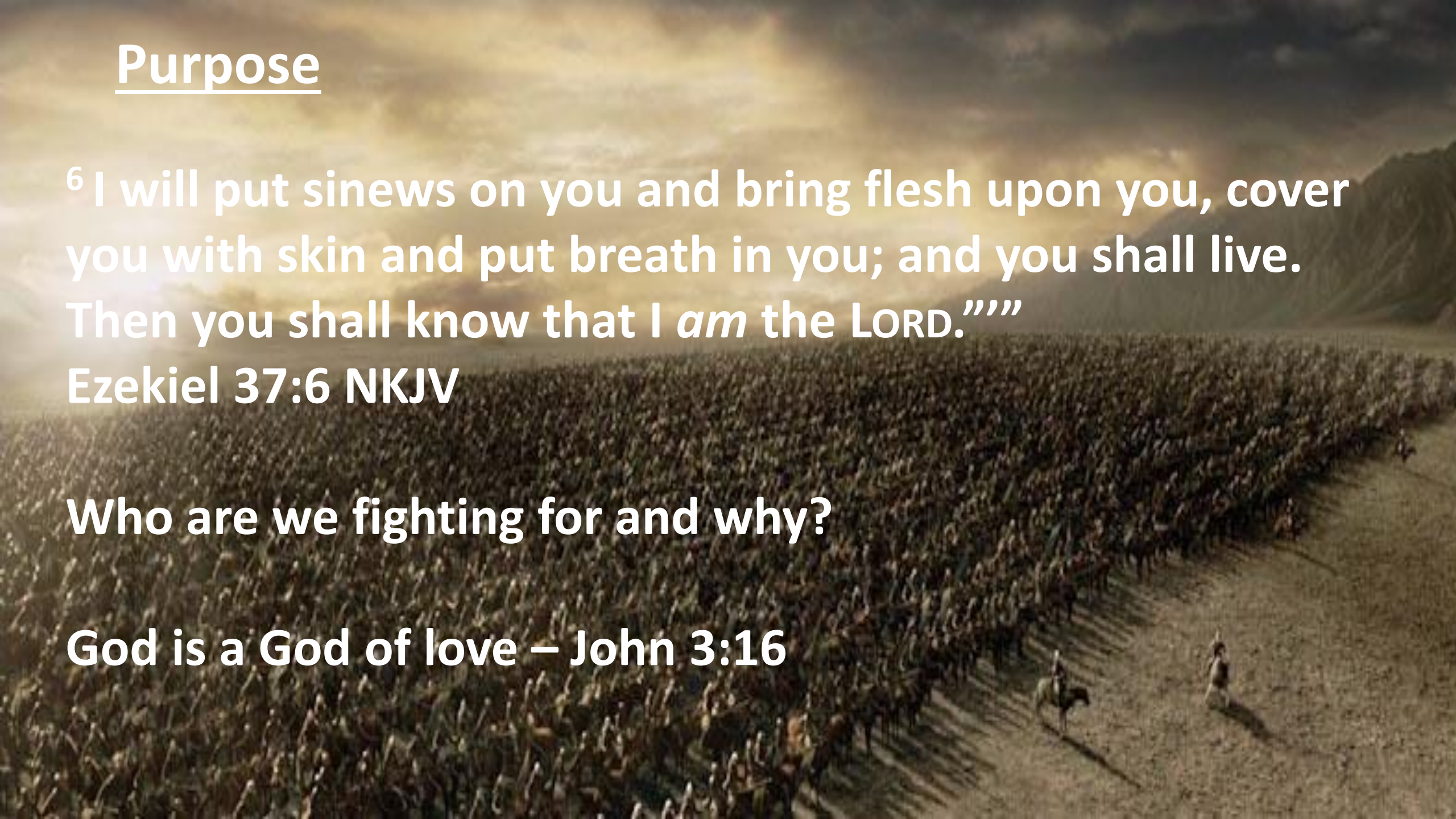
# Purpose

**6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.”””**

**Ezekiel 37:6 NKJV**

**Who are we fighting for and why?**

**God is a God of love – John 3:16**

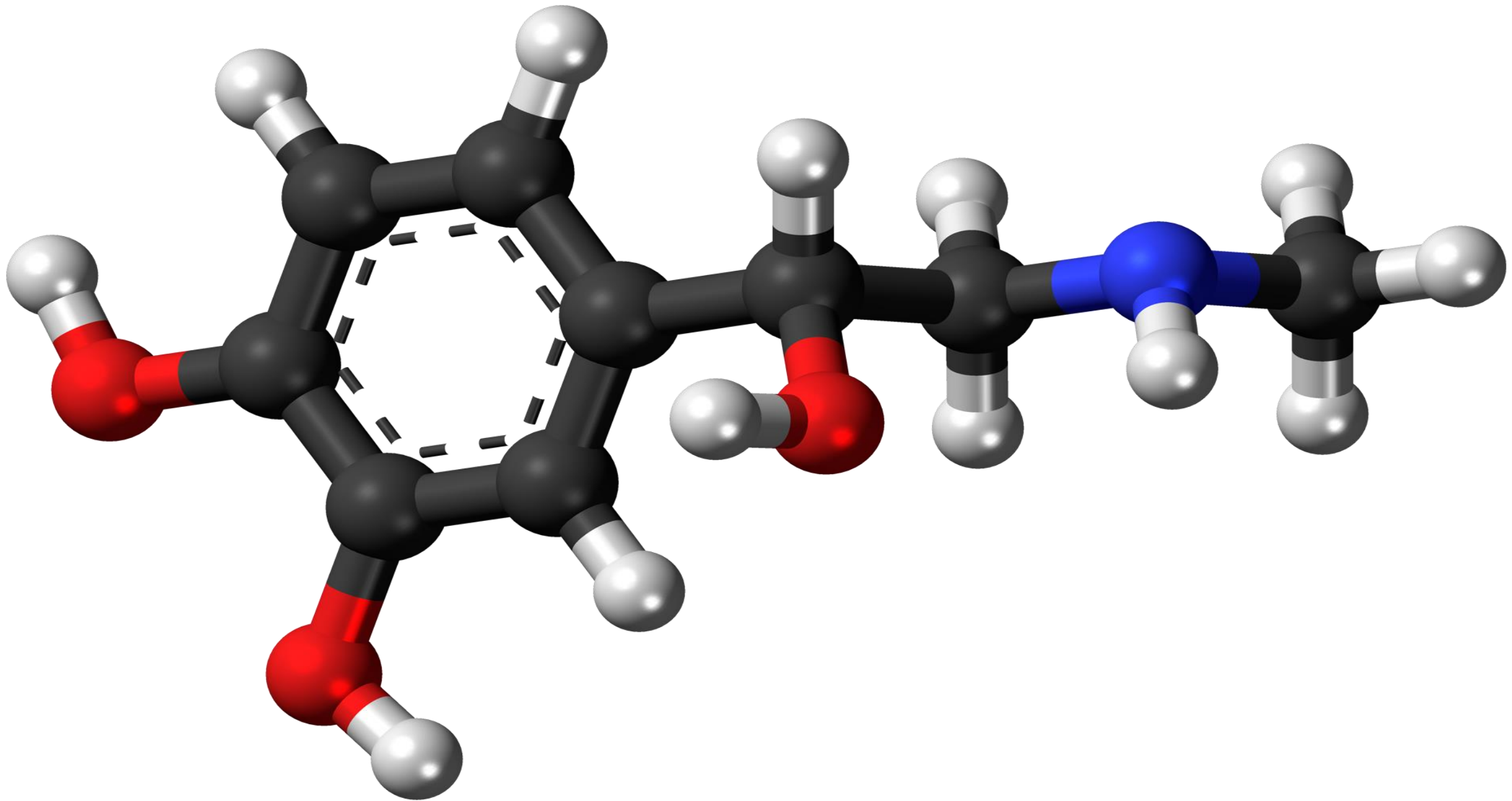




# Life

<sup>9</sup> Also He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.””” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.  
Ezekiel 37: 9- 10 NKJV







## Restoration and power

““So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.

“And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.”

Joel 2:25, 28-30 NKJV



## Restoration and power

**“For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.”**

**I Thessalonians 1:5 NKJV**

**Signs and wonders, healings, words of knowledge, prophecy can powerfully persuade the non-believer to believe**



## Strategy and discipline

- Spending time with God, hearing Him,
- Receiving revelation and acting on it,
- knowing your authority and power within you,
- knowing the weapons of warfare.

**Purpose of most armies is to protect but if there is a threat to conquer and neutralize such threat.**

**As Gods army we need to protect ourselves and others from the strategy of satan to keep people out of heaven.**



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