

## Holy Thursday - April 6

*"I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the Lord. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says."*

*Ezekiel 37:14 (CEB)*

My favorite part of Sunday morning is turning on the lights, adjusting the thermostat and stepping back to breathe into our youth space. I remind myself that youth will fill the space in a matter of minutes and my heart swells. One year ago this space was a little dry. The walls were different colors, the concrete was broken, the rooms were sectioned off by curtains and it was hard to see exactly what this space could be. Surely I knew God was in the vision to make room but I was curious where exactly God was.

Then I had a baby. JD was born a short while after we put the finishing touches on the Lower Level but the decor wasn't up to my standards! We needed wall decor, more furniture, elements of cozy and cool. I didn't have to look far for God once I witnessed the birth of my son. It was overwhelmingly clear where God's presence lay; bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh. But once I returned from maternity leave, I saw where God's breath had breathed life. Here in this space I found those new bones that Ezekiel talks about.

My first Sunday back I was greeted by youth in the Lower Level in their space, cozy and cool, definitely needing more furniture, but we were together nonetheless. We all huddled onto the white couch for a picture. The same couch that was in this space just a year ago, that has sat down here for years. The same couch I'm sitting on now writing this devotional. God is here in this place, God has always been here, breathing new life into us all.

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**Prayer:** God that surrounds us all, thank you for breathing new life into us. On this Holy Thursday we recognize the power of Your Son Jesus gathering with His disciples as He prepares to take His last breath, all while knowing His presence would never leave us. May we find hope in the breath of life and in the way of our Savior. Amen.

