

Instamacy

Artificial Life vs. Authentic Life

August 19th & 23rd, 2026

READ

Genesis 2:7; Job 33:4; Genesis 3; Ezekiel 37:1–14; John 20:22; 2 Corinthians 5:17;

Galatians 5:22–23; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:2–4 & 38; Romans 6:4; John 10:10

KEY POINTS

- God breathed life into dust – He is the source of life. Our lives begin with God, and true life is found when we remain connected to Him.
 - Only God can make dry bones live - God can bring life where we see no possibility. The dry bones remind us that God is able to restore hope, faith, and purpose through the power of His Spirit.
 - Jesus breathes new life into His people - Through His death and resurrection, He makes us a new creation.
 - The breath becomes a mighty wind - The Holy Spirit transforms us and produces Christlike character in us and gives us power to live differently.
 - Stop settling for artificial life - New life is meant to be lived on mission. The Spirit brought the disciples out of hiding and empowered them to become courageous witnesses for Jesus.
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QUESTIONS

1. Genesis 2:7 shows that our life comes from God. What area of your life are you tempted to find fulfillment apart from Him, and what would it look like to invite God back into that area this week?
2. In Ezekiel 37, the bones had the appearance of life but no breath in them. Where might your spiritual life look healthy on the outside while God is inviting you into a deeper, more Spirit-filled life on the inside?

3. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says that anyone in Christ is a new creation. How should knowing that you are being made new, change the way you see yourself, your past, and your future?
 4. The sermon contrasts asking “How do I look?” with asking “Who am I becoming?” What is one area where you want the Holy Spirit to continue forming Christlike character in you?
 5. Acts 2 shows that the Spirit gave the disciples power to become witnesses. What is one step you can take this week to live more fully from the new life Jesus has given you, whether through obedience, community, serving, or sharing your faith?
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LIFE APPLICATION

- Receive, don't manufacture - Begin each day by recognizing that true life comes from God. Ask Him to lead, fill, and transform you.
 - Invite God into the dry places - Bring all of the areas of your life that feels discouraged or stagnant before God and trust Him with what you cannot change on your own.
 - Focus on who you are becoming – Look at the fruit of the Spirit and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where He wants to transform your heart and help you become more like Jesus.
 - Live from the life Jesus has given you - Let the new life you have in Christ shape the way you think, live, and respond to the people around you.
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PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your holiness and for the example it sets for us to live authentically. Breathe fresh life into the areas where we need Your presence, grow Your character in us, and give us courage to live out the new life You have given us. Help us become people who reflect Jesus and bring His life to those around us.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.