

LESSON 3 June 18, 2023

Connect timeless truths with today's news.

COMING OUT OF A COMA

British eleven-year-old Tom White was struck by a police van this month and left in critical condition. The boy spent nearly a week on life support and then began waking from his coma. As his family awaited Tom's full awakening, when they could find out his long-term prognosis, they launched a Facebook page to collect videos and notes from well-wishers. Among the many contributors was WBC heavyweight boxing champion Tyson Fury. Fury's personal video shows the British boxer saying, "Keep fighting, Tom! All the best. Get recovered. See you soon, buddy. God bless." When Tom comes to his senses, God willing, he will have many such treasures to discover.

COMING TO THEIR SENSES

The Babylonian exile had taught the Jewish people a costly lesson about turning away from God to idols. The Lord spoke through the prophet Ezekiel, promising to gather the Israelites from all the nations they'd been scattered to and to bring them back to their own land, where they would be united again and ruled by a king from the line of David. All these benefits awaited them if they would come to their senses and put their idolatry behind them forever.

- 1. Why do you think even busy celebrities go out of their way to help young people sometimes?
- 2. What was your most memorable Father's Day?
- 3. When did you realize that you needed to put something behind you?

Additional Resources

These videos and materials are for your personal use. If you show videos in class, be sure to have the necessary rights to do so.

Music Video, Traditional: <u>"Father, Lord of All Creation"</u>
Music Video, Multicultural: <u>"Papa Woo (I Have a Father)" by African Gospel Singers</u>
Music Video, Contemporary: <u>"Papa Woo (I Have a Father)" by African Gospel Singers</u>

<u>Guzik's Commentary on Ezekiel 37</u>

<u>Bible Hub Commentaries on Ezekiel 37:21</u>

David L. Cooper's Commentary on Ezekiel 37