



## STANDING IN THE GAP

And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

**Ezekiel 22:30**

### A. VULNERABILITY IN THE WALL (Ezekiel 22:30)

### B. STANDING IN THE GAP (Isaiah 55)

#### 1) Promise (Steadfast) - Love (1-5)

**2 Peter 1:3-4:** His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

#### 2) Pardon (Abundant) - Forgiveness (6-9)

**Romans 4:7-8 (Psalm 32:1-2):** "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

#### 3) Purpose (Clarifying) - His Word (10-11)

**2 Timothy 3:16-17:** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

#### 4) Peace/Joy (Shalom) - Emotional Health (12-13)

**Romans 15:13:** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Read Ezekiel 22:30. Why did God need someone to stand in the gap of the wall? (to defend the people of the city). What caused this gap? (the people broke God's law - disobedience) Are there any parts of your life where your being disobedient? Discuss.
2. Read Isaiah 55. God has promised to stand in the gap for us. Review his promises to His people found in Isaiah 55. Which one stands out to you? Explain.
3. Pray for the gaps in your lives praising God for His promise to stand in the gap for you.

**Isaiah 55:** "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it (my word) shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."