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**Men, Are You Missing In Action?**

Ezekiel 22:23-31

**Key Truth:**  God desires faithful men to “stand in the gap” for their families, friends, and church family, so that they would not face God’s wrath.

**The Problem In Israel:**

1. The society had collapsed into violence, corruption, and

 chaos.

2. Spiritual and political leaders were corrupt.

3. The family structure was broken.

**God’s Solution:**

1. God went looking for a man that would intercede on

 behalf of the nation.

**To Stand In The Gap We Need Men Who Will:**

1. Pray consistently. Exodus 32:11-14, Psalm 106:23

2. Disciple the next generation.

3. Stand against wickedness. Joshua 24:15

4. Speak and teach the truth.

**We Need Men Who Will Be Followers Of Jesus:**

1. Jesus Christ stands in the gap for us, with intercession as

 the one who has appeased God’s wrath. Hebrews 7:25

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for calling you to a purpose that is greater than you could ever imagine. Men, choose to show up and walk in your God ordained purpose.

**Food For Thought**

What is one historical event that comes to mind when thinking of someone standing up for others? What was the outcome of that event?

Would you say that there are many godly men in this world? Why or why not?

As God looks for men to “stand in the gap,” what characteristics is He looking for? Where do you find this in Scripture?

Read Psalm 106:23: How did Moses “stand in the gap” for his people? What was the result?

Had Moses not stood in the gap for the Israelites, what would have been the likely outcome? Why?

How does Moses point to Christ as he stood in the gap for God’s people?

How has Christ’s “standing in the gap” on your behalf encouraged you in your faith? What does this mean to you personally?