

## STANDING IN THE GAP

Ezekiel 22:30

### Introduction:

- Who Are We as Believers

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. – 1 Peter 2:9-10

### The God We Pray To...

### What Does Prayer Do....

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"You see there is prayer and God-given prayer. The former is superficial, the work of orphans who may be religious people but unwilling to surrender human independence to the Lordship of Christ. God given prayer and praise have as their essence a waiting on God, a willingness to be wrought upon by the hammer of the fire of the Almighty, until the chains of self-centered desires fall away from the personality and the love of Christ becomes the deepest hunger of the inner life." – Jack Miller, Heart of a Servant Leader

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### Spiritual Revival, Awakening and Renewal...

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"To look back upon the progress of the divine kingdom upon earth is to review revival periods which have come like refreshing showers upon dry and thirsty ground, making the desert to blossom as the rose, and bringing new eras of spiritual life and activity just when the Church had fallen under the influence of the apathy of the times." – E.M. Bounds

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- A History of Revival, Awakening and Renewal

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"In the history of the church, the term revival in its most biblical sense has meant a sovereign work of God in which the whole region of many churches, many Christians has been lifted out of spiritual indifference and worldliness into conviction of sin, earnest desires for more of Christ and his word, boldness in witness, purity of life, lots of conversions, joyful worship, renewed commitment to missions – John Piper

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- Spirit Inspired Urgency to Kingdom Centered Prayer

### A Time for Kingdom Centered Prayer...

- Demolishes Strongholds

<sup>3</sup> For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- Brings Revival, Awakening and Renewal

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. – 2 Chronicles 7:14

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one." – Ezekiel 22:30

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"There is a world with its needs entirely dependent upon and waiting to be helped by intercession. There is a God in heaven, with His all-sufficient supply for all those needs, waiting to be asked. There is a Church, with its wondrous calling and its sure promises, waiting to be roused to a sense of its wondrous responsibility and power. There is a world with its perishing millions, with intercession its only hope." – Andrew Murray

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