

Stepping Into the Gap

Ezekiel 22:30 NLT

“I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn’t have to destroy the land, but I found no one.

Isaiah 59:15-17 NKJV

15 So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice. **16** He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. **17** For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.

If there is a gap in the wall of righteousness, you can’t fill that gap with unrighteousness. When God looked for a righteous man, he found none (cf. Romans 3:10).

There is a predator seeking after those who have departed from evil, the devil (1 Peter 5:8).

The arm of the Lord wore the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation — the same armor that we are to clothe ourselves with (cf. Ephesians 6:10-18). Jesus is the arm of the Lord. He was consumed with zeal for God’s house (John 2:17).

Nehemiah 4:7 NLT

But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious.

The devil does not care until we step into the gap that God has called us into.

The grace of God is on you when you step into the gap.

God raises up a standard against the flood of the enemy (cf. Isaiah 59:19). He sets us up in the gap to resist the darkness.

There is an individual gap God has for us as well as a corporate gap for us.

Numbers 16:46-48 NKJV

46 So Moses said to Aaron, “Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the Lord. The plague has begun.” **47** Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. **48** And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped.

In the face of rebellion, which itself is contagious, he stood in the gap and the plague was stopped.

The plague represents sin. Sin is a plague that leads to death (cf. Romans 6:23).

The anointing and incense represents the prayers of the saints in the Spirit (cf. Revelation 5:8).

We have to pray at the level God has called us to live.

God has called us to step into the gap. *There's grace in the gap.*

Esther stepped into the gap. As a result the Jews were spared.

David stepped into the gap. As a result the giant was slain.

You need to step into the gap that God tells us to stand in. We can't stand in another person's gap. There is no grace for us there. Our grace is found in the gap calls us to.

We need to be "gap conscious." In the parable of the Good Samaritan, each of the characters had an opportunity, a gap, they could have stepped into. But the priest and Levite were too busy and walked right by it. The Samaritan, who you wouldn't expect to recognize the gap, stepped into it. And he was the model character of the story.

Every gap is significant no matter the size. Remember the boy with the 5 loaves and 2 fish, or the Dutch boy with his finger in the dike.