

NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

INTERCEDE DON'T JUST WATCH

SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon challenges us to move beyond simply noticing people's pain and instead intercede—standing in the gap through prayer, love, and action. Through the examples of Jesus, Moses, Hannah, Esther, and others, we see that intercession changes our hearts, shifts the spaces around us, and keeps hope alive because Jesus stood in the gap for us first.

KEY POINTS

- Intercession Changes Our Hearts
 - Praying for others changes how we see them and replaces resentment with compassion.
- Intercession Changes the Room
 - Prayer brings God's presence, peace, and authority into our homes, workplaces, relationships, and communities.
- Intercession Keeps Hope Alive
 - We pray because we believe God is still working, even when circumstances look broken or hopeless.
- Jesus Stood in the Gap for Us
 - We can stand in the gap for others because Jesus first stood in the gap for us through His death, resurrection, and ongoing intercession.
- Intercession Requires a Next Move
 - Prayer should lead to action: reaching out, apologizing, forgiving, showing up, serving, or taking whatever step of love God puts in front of us.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Who is someone in your life that you've been watching struggle rather than standing in the gap for? What would it look like to begin interceding for them?**
2. **How has praying for someone changed the way you see them? Is there someone you need to start praying for with more compassion?**

3. **What “room” or area of your life—your home, workplace, family, neighborhood, or church—do you need to intentionally pray over this week?**
4. **Why do you think it can be difficult to keep praying when we don’t see immediate change? What helps you hold onto hope?**
5. **What is one practical next step God might be asking you to take for the person you’re praying for?**