



5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

Sermon: Wanted: A Man Who Will Stand

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Day 1: God Is Still Looking

Devotional: There is a verse in Ezekiel that should stop us in our tracks. God searched an entire nation for one person willing to stand before Him on behalf of the land, and He found no one. Not one person. That silence is sobering. We live in a world that celebrates ability, influence, and appearance. Social media rewards the loudest voices and the most polished presentations. But God has never been impressed by any of that. He is looking for something far simpler and far rarer: a person of character. Someone who can be trusted. Someone whose private life matches their public one. Here is the encouraging part. God is still looking. Right now. He is not searching for the most talented person in the room. He is searching for the most willing. Noah was not the most powerful man of his generation. Moses was not the most confident speaker. Abraham was not without his failures. But each of them said yes when God called, and that yes changed everything. You do not need a platform or a title to be the person God is looking for. You just need a willing heart. The gap between a broken world and a holy God is real, and God is actively searching for someone to stand in it. That someone could be you.

Bible Verse: "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." - Ezekiel 22:30

Reflection Question: If God were searching your community today for someone willing to stand in the gap, what would He find when He looked at your life?

Quote: "God wants a person of character, a person that can be trusted, a person that is true to their word and God is still looking for a person who's willing to stand in the gap spiritually."

Prayer: Lord, here I am. I do not want to be absent when You are searching for someone willing to stand. Make me a person of character who says yes to You. Amen.

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Day 2: One Person Can Change Everything

Devotional: It is easy to feel like your life is too small to matter in the grand scheme of things. The problems around us can feel enormous, and we can feel invisible. But Scripture tells a different story. When Israel worshipped a golden calf at the foot of Mount Sinai, God's anger burned against the entire nation. The situation looked hopeless. But Moses stepped forward and interceded. He stood between a holy God and a rebellious people, and God held back His judgment. One person. One act of obedience. Thousands of lives spared. This is not an isolated story. It is a pattern woven throughout Scripture. Before the flood, Noah. Before Sodom's destruction, Abraham. Before Nineveh fell, Jonah. Again and again, God worked through one willing person to change the outcome for many. Charles Spurgeon described Moses this way: "Like a bold warrior who defends a wall when there's an opening for the adversary and destruction is rushing in upon the city, Moses stopped the way of avenging justice with his prayers." That same opportunity is available to you today. Your prayers are not small. Your obedience is not insignificant. One person standing in faith can shift the atmosphere for an entire family, a neighborhood, or a church. Do not let the size of the problem convince you that the size of your faith does not matter.

Bible Verse: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." - 1 Corinthians 15:57

Reflection Question: Is there a person or situation in your life right now where God might be calling you to be the one who steps forward in faith?

Quote: "One person's life made that much difference. One person's obedience made that much difference? It did. Then can it make that much difference today? Yes. One person that's willing to stand can make a difference."

Prayer: Father, remind me that You have always worked through ordinary, willing people. Give me the courage to step forward and trust that my obedience matters. Amen.

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Day 3: The Power of Praying for Someone Else

Devotional: There are moments in life when we simply cannot pray for ourselves. The grief is too heavy. The confusion is too thick. The shame feels too loud. In those moments, we need someone to carry us before God. That is exactly what intercessory prayer is. It is stepping into the gap for someone else, pleading their cause before God when they do not have the strength to do it themselves. It is one of the most selfless and powerful things a believer can do. When we gather together and say to someone, "You are not carrying this alone. We are here. We are praying," something shifts. The burden does not disappear, but it is no longer carried alone. That is the body of Christ functioning the way it was designed to. Think about the people in your life right now. Who is too broken to pray? Who is too sick, too lost, or too overwhelmed to find the words? That person needs someone to stand in the gap for them. They need you to bring their name before God with faith and persistence. You do not need eloquent words or a long prayer. You just need a willing heart and a name to bring before the Father. That simple act of intercession is one of the most significant things you will ever do.

Bible Verse: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." - Ephesians 6:10

Reflection Question: Who in your life right now needs you to carry them before God in prayer, and what is stopping you from doing that today?

Quote: "There's times when it's hard to pray for ourselves, but when we as brothers and sisters and believers, we bind together and say, you know what? You're not carrying this load by yourself. We are here to help and to pray and to intercede on your behalf."

Prayer: Lord, bring to my mind the people who need someone to stand in the gap for them. Give me a heart that is willing to carry others before You in prayer. Amen.

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Day 4: Prayer Comes Before the Breakthrough

Devotional: Revival does not arrive on its own. It is not something that can be scheduled or manufactured. But history shows us clearly that it is always preceded by prayer. Before the great evangelist Charles Finney arrived in a town, a man named Daniel Nash would go ahead of him. Nash would rent a room, gather anyone willing to join him, and pray. He would intercede for that city before a single sermon was preached. And when Finney arrived, revival broke out. The preaching was powerful, but the ground had already been prepared. Nothing significant in the kingdom of God happens without prayer. That is not an overstatement. It is a pattern that runs from Genesis to Revelation. Prayer is not the warm-up act. It is the main event. The enemy knows this. He will whisper that nobody is listening. He will tell you that your prayers are not making a difference. He will point to the lack of immediate results and suggest you stop. Do not believe him. The absence of visible results is not evidence that God is absent. It is often the season just before the breakthrough. Keep praying. Keep interceding. The ground you are preparing through prayer may be the very ground where God moves in ways you cannot yet imagine. ce is not just enough - it's more than sufficient for every challenge we face.

Bible Verse: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Reflection Question: Where in your prayer life have you been tempted to give up because you have not seen immediate results, and what would it look like to keep going?

Quote: "The devil will tell you. Nobody's listening. The devil will tell you. What's the use. The devil will tell you because you didn't see immediate results."

Prayer: God, give me the faith to keep praying even when I cannot see what You are doing. Remind me that my labor in prayer is never wasted in Your hands. Amen.

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Day 5: You Were Made for This Moment

Devotional: You may feel overwhelmed right now. The weight of the world, your family, your own struggles, it can pile up fast. Exhaustion is real. Discouragement is real. But those feelings are not a sign that you are disqualified. They are an invitation to pray differently. Jesus never promised that life would be easy. He said plainly, "In this world you will have tribulation." But He did not stop there. He followed it with something better: "Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." The same Jesus who overcame the world is the One inviting you to yoke up with Him, to let His strength carry what you cannot. God is not looking for someone who has it all together. He is looking for someone who is willing. He is searching for the man, the woman, the teenager, the child who will say, "Here I am. Use me." That is the person who stands in the gap. That is the person through whom God moves. You were not placed in this moment by accident. Your family, your neighborhood, your workplace, these are your mission field. The world around you needs people who will pray, who will intercede, and who will trust God to move. You are that person. Step into the gap. God is with you, and He is more than enough.

Bible Verse: "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" - Matthew 28:18-20

Reflection Question: What would it look like for you to fully embrace the role God is calling you to in this specific season of your life?

Quote: "God is hunting a man. He's looking for that man, that woman, that teenager, that child that is standing in the gap."

Prayer: Lord, I am tired, but I am willing. Yoke me up with You and give me the strength to stand in the gap for the people and places You have placed in my life. Amen.

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