

STAND IN THE GAP

Lesson Two • 2Corinthians 5:14 - 6:10

Compelled

The Challenge for 2015

To see yourself as that one MAN or one WOMAN who will stand in the gap before God on behalf of our community and beyond.

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

As Christ-Followers at Glenwood

We must be COMPELLED to stand in the gap.

Compelled to Stand in the Gap

1. May the Love of Christ Be Our MOTIVATION for Standing in the Gap!

What Does It Mean to Be "Compelled" by the Love of Christ?

- Christ's love CAPTURES you and then CONTROLS you.

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 2Corinthians 5:14-15

- Christ's love CHANGES your perspective of people.

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2Corinthians 5:16-17

2. May the Sacrifice of Christ Be Our MEASURE of Standing in the Gap!

Two Words Characterize Christ's Sacrifice for Us:

- TOTAL: Christ died for us.

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- SUBSTITUTIONARY: Christ exchanged places with us.

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2Corinthians 5:21

3. May the Ministry of Reconciliation Be Our MISSION in Standing in the Gap!

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2Corinthians 5:18

Two Implications:

- We are authorized to SPEAK for God with the message of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 2Corinthians 5:20

- We are privileged to WORK with God in the ministry of reconciliation.

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2Corinthians 6:1

Two Ways to Stand in the Gap

- Stand in the gap by supporting God's mission financially: give to Glenwood as an initial giver, intentional giver, or sacrificial giver.
- Stand in the gap by living God's mission passionately: pray for the lost, invite them to church, and share the Gospel.