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Standing in the gap

-Ezekiel 22:30

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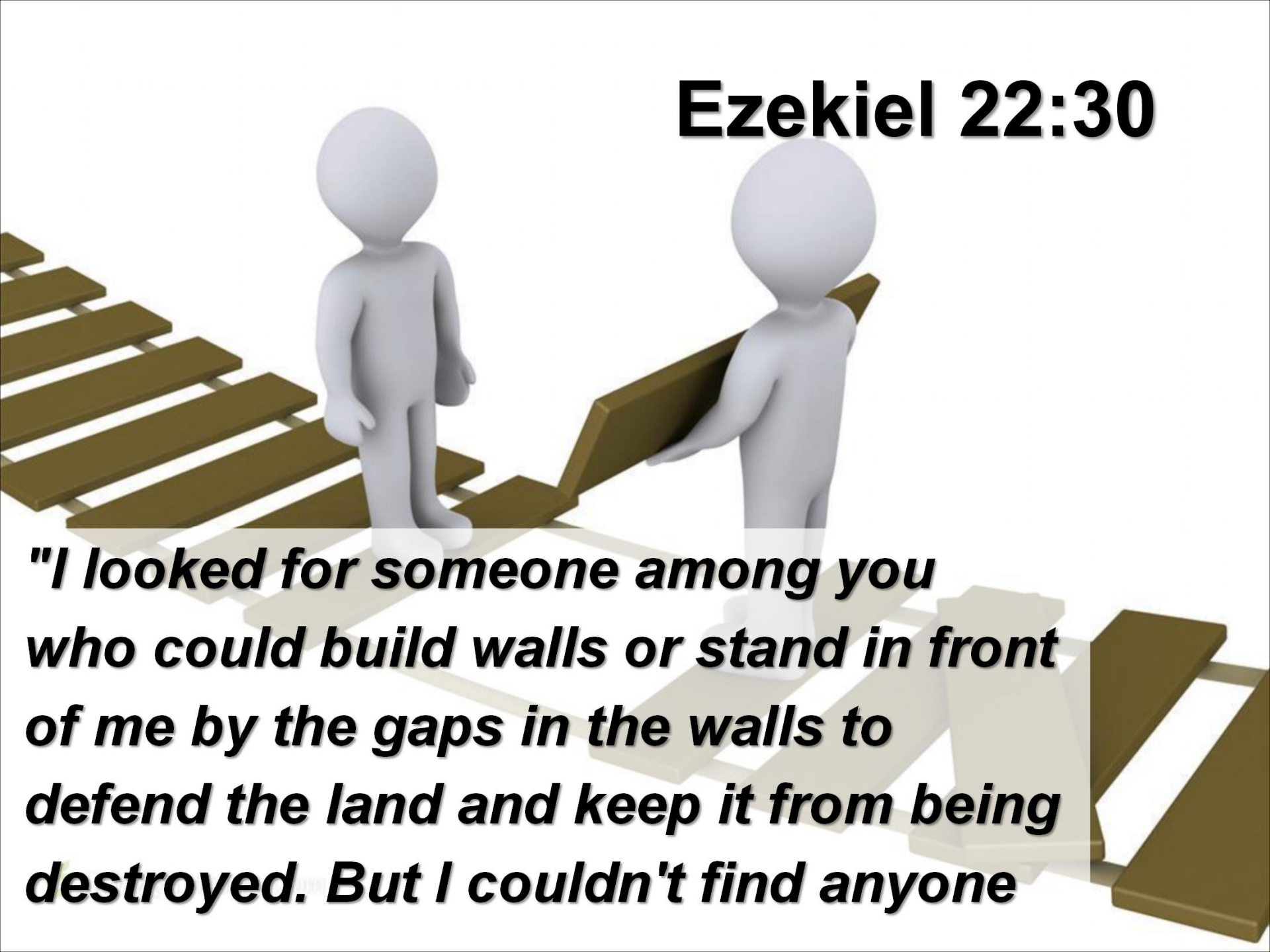
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“Gap Stander”

The Difference Maker



Ezekiel 22:30



"I looked for someone among you who could build walls or stand in front of me by the gaps in the walls to defend the land and keep it from being destroyed. But I couldn't find anyone"

The Problem

There's a

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- *in our Nation, Schools, Families, Homes*
- *Separation between God and His People*

God's Plan / Pursuit - *"I sought for a MAN.."*

Not a

- Committee
- Neighbor
- Someone Else
- Better Time

But a Man!

Man(woman), Steward ...

**...Champion, Foot-man,
Mighty Man(woman)**

STAND *in The* GAP

Gap Standers

The Bible is Full of Gap Standers

i.e. *“Difference Makers”*

- Nehemiah (*wall*)
- David (*Goliath*)

Common Factors

- Sent – God Called
- Selfless
 - It's Never About Them
- Service
 - It's About Helping Others



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God's Plan / Pursuit - *"I sought for a MAN.."*

- **God's Choice-** *"From among them..."*
 - Able to Relate –Close to Heart
- **God's Representative** - *"...before Me..."*
- **God's Burden-** *"..for The Land..."*
 - Our World, Community, Homes, Schools, Neighborhood, Employment.

God's Path -

"..stand in the gap"

- **Gap** – *breach/ broken wall*
- **Gaps Between Man and God...**
...That Only You Can Fill
- **Faith**
- **Family**
- **Found in the Land**

God's Path -

"..stand in the gap"

- **Stand** –*appointed to arise...
...and remain firm*
- **Time to Get...**
 - **Beyond Ourselves**
 - **Into the Fight**
 - **Stay in the Fight**

God's Power –

“...to make up the hedge...”

- **Make up the Hedge –**

Repair the Breach - close off- build a wall

- **Nehemiah-** *Trowel /Sword*

- **David-** *Israel /Philistines*

- **Jesus-** *Cross made up the Hedge –*

Bridged the Gap



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God's Purpose –

“...that I should not destroy it...”

- **Destroy** - *decay, ruin, corrupt, destroy, lose, perish, spill*

Deliverance

- **Doesn't Come from an Army...**

...But a Man (woman)

- **Noah- Ark**
- **Moses- Ark**



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Ezekiel 22:30-31 The Message (MSG)

“I looked for someone to stand up for me against all this, to repair the defenses of the city, to take a stand for me and stand in the gap to protect this land so I wouldn't have to destroy it. I couldn't find anyone. Not one.

STAND *in the* **GAP**

God is Searching...

How About You?



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