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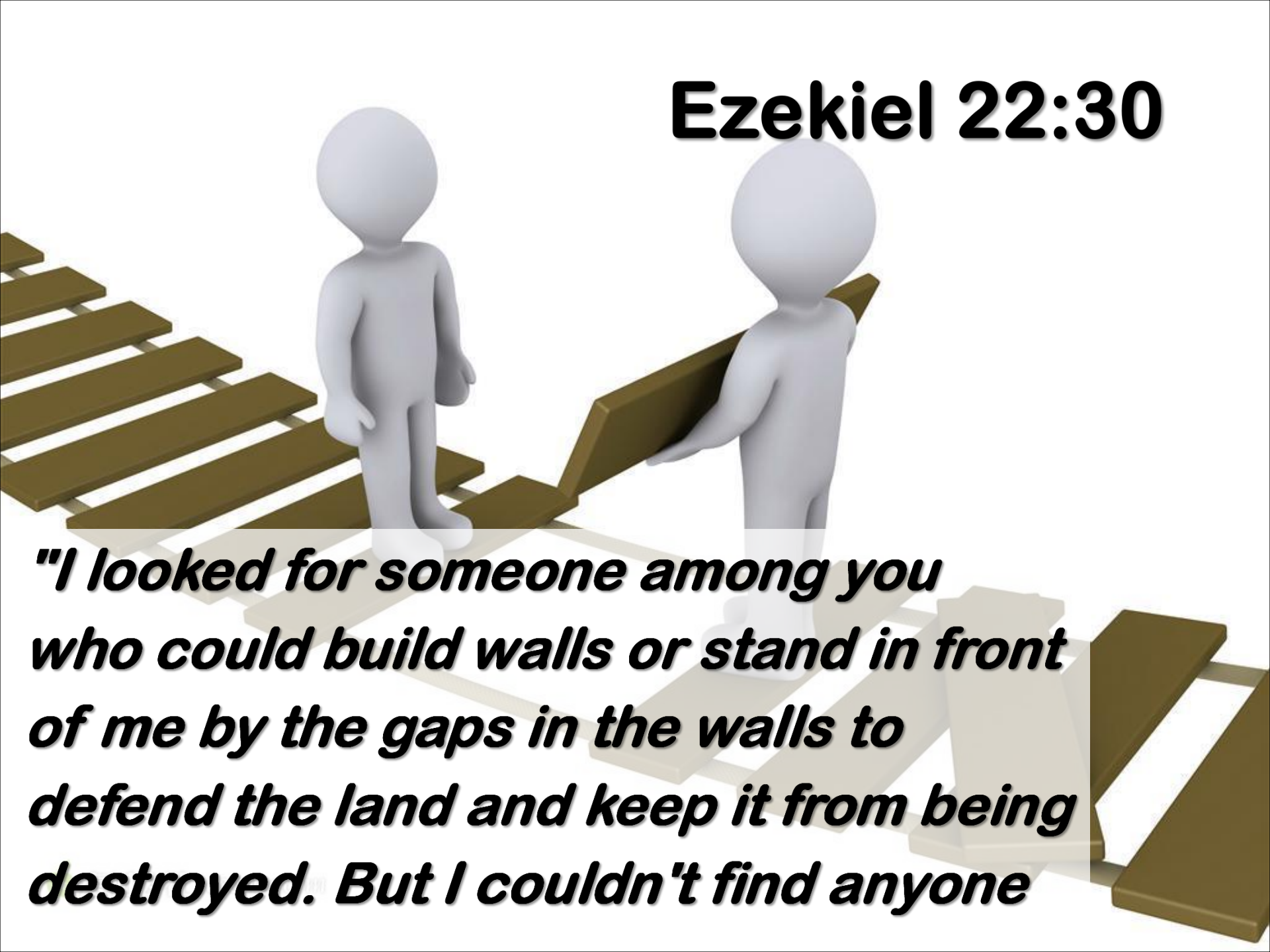
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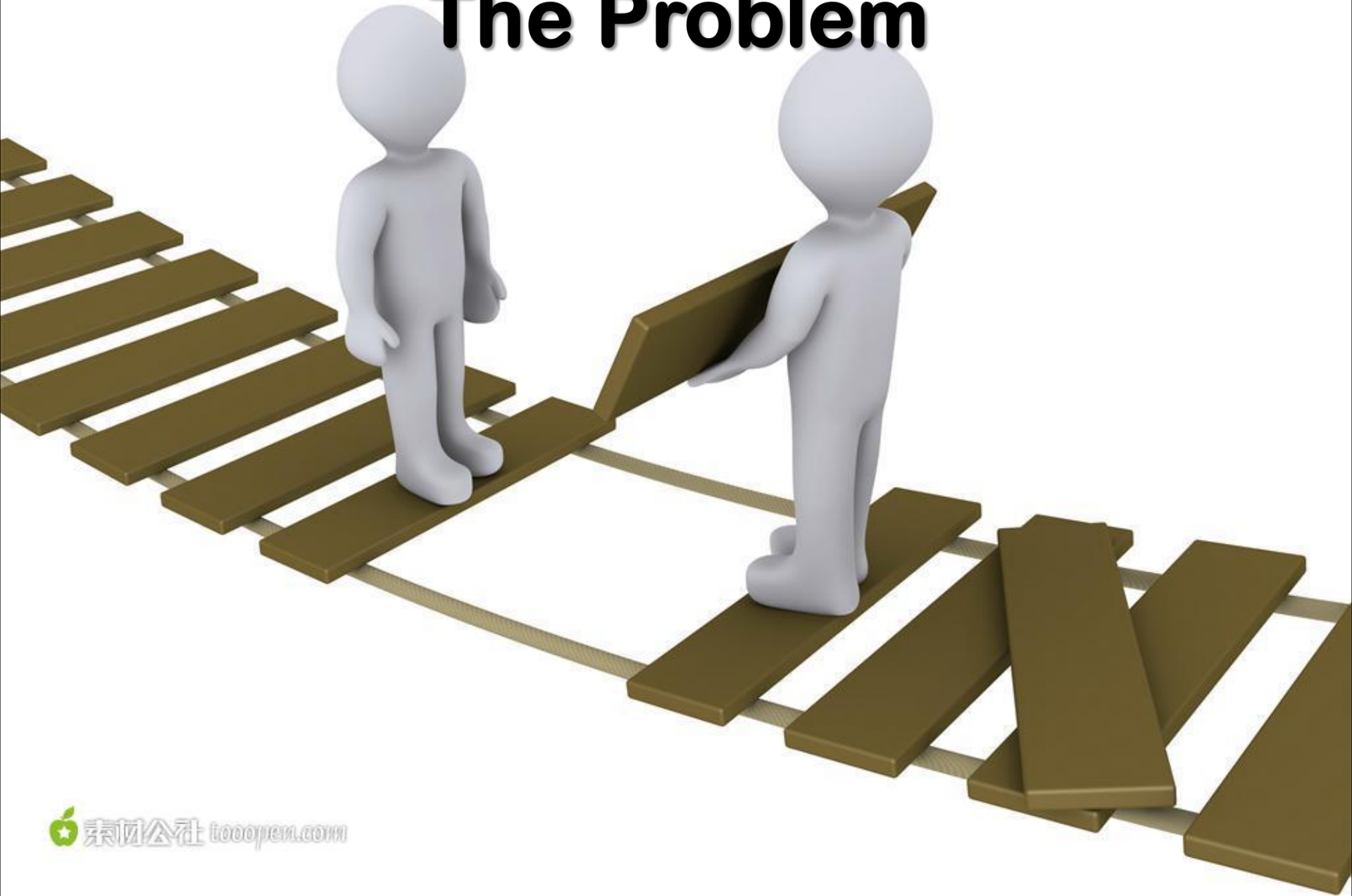


Ezekiel 22:30



"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



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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.."



STAND *in the* **GAP**

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

Not a

- Committee
- Neighbor
- Someone Else
- Better Time

But a Man!

Man, Husband/ Dad, Steward ...

...Champion, Foot-man,

...Mighty Man

STAND *in the* **GAP**

Gap Standers



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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 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"





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**

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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”



STANDING
IN THE GAP

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

Dad- *we make up the hedge today*

God's *Purpose* –

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- **Destroy** - *decay, ruin, corrupt, destroy, lose, perish, spill*
- **Make up the Hedge** – Repair the Breach
- **Stand** - to *stand, abide (behind), arise, remain, repair, + serve, stand fast/ firm*
- **In the Gap** - *a breach, a break*

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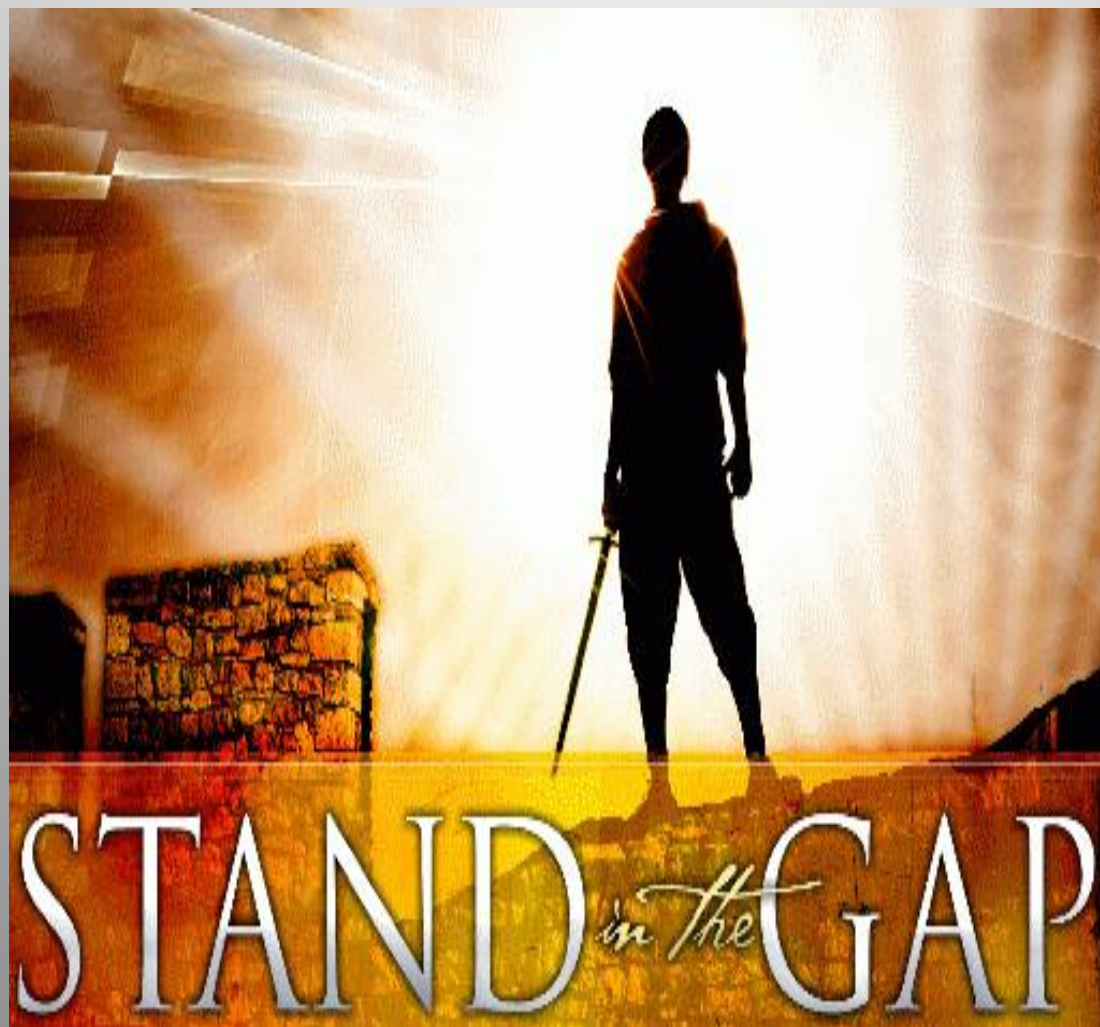
Deliverance

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

...But a Man (husband/ dad)

- **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

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Ezekiel 22:30-31 DLV Message (MSG)

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

STAND *in the* **GAP**

A silhouette of a person standing in a gap, holding a sword, against a bright, hazy background. The person is positioned in the center-right of the frame, facing away from the viewer. The background is a bright, hazy, golden-yellow color, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. To the left, there is a stone wall or structure. The overall mood is dramatic and contemplative.

How About You?

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