

BEYOND SUNDAY

Taking Sunday's Message Into The Week



Series:

Message: Standing In The Gap

Main Text: Ezekiel 22:30, Ephesians 2:1-6

Beyond Sunday Guide

Main Idea

This past Sunday, Evangelist George Moxley shared a message titled ***“Standing in the Gap,”*** challenging us to recognize that the world around us needs people who are willing to stand before God on behalf of others. In **Ezekiel 22:30**, God says, *“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.”* The image is one of someone willing to step into a place of need, seeking God on behalf of a people who desperately need Him. George reminded us that we are living in a fallen world where spiritual battles are real, and the influence of the enemy can be seen in the brokenness, destructive choices, and struggles that surround us. The question is not whether the world needs help, but whether God's people are willing to stand in the gap.

But standing in the gap requires more than human strength or determination. George shared from his own life how, before coming to Christ, his temper and tendency to get into fights revealed that there was a spiritual battle taking place beneath the surface. No matter how strong or capable we might believe ourselves to be, we cannot overcome the enemy through our own efforts alone. That is why the message turned to **Ephesians 2:1–6**, where Paul describes the difference Christ makes in our lives. Even when we were *“dead in trespasses,”* God, because of His great love and mercy, made us alive together with Christ. As verse 5 declares, *“by grace you have been saved.”* Through faith in Jesus, we are no longer defined by our former lives or left to face the spiritual battle on our own.

That change in our lives also changes our position and our purpose. **Ephesians 2:6** says God *“raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”* George connected this new position in Christ with our calling to stand in the gap. We have been given new life, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and a reason to live beyond ourselves. Rather than simply watching the world grow darker, we can pray for our families, intercede for those who are struggling, care for the people around us, and bring the love of God into the places where it is needed most. We do this knowing that life will still bring difficulties, but also knowing that our hope is secure in Christ. Until the day God makes all things new, **we are called to stand in the gap, trust Him, and make a difference.**

Talk About It

1. George Moxley reminded us that we cannot overcome the enemy through our own strength alone. **Why is recognizing our spiritual need important when facing the struggles of life?**
2. In **Ezekiel 22:30**, God looks for someone willing to stand in the gap on behalf of the land. **What does it mean to stand in the gap, and why is this important for God's people today?**
3. **Read Ephesians 2:1–6.** What change takes place in a person's life through Christ, and what does it mean that we have been raised up and seated with Him in the heavenly places?

*BECAUSE CHRIST HAS CHANGED YOUR POSITION,
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.*

*"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me,
the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works
than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father."*

John 14:12

Make It Practical

1. **Recognize where you need God's help.** Identify an area of your life where you've been relying on your own strength to overcome a struggle. Before moving on, write down what you're facing and spend a few minutes bringing it honestly before God in prayer.
2. **Stand in the gap for someone.** Think of a family member, friend, or someone in your community who is struggling spiritually or personally. Commit to praying for that person by name this week, asking God to work in their life and show you how to support them.
3. **Remember what Christ has changed.** Take a few minutes to reflect on Ephesians 2:1–6. Write down one way your life, identity, or relationship with God has changed because of Jesus, and thank Him for the new life you've received through His grace.
4. **Bring God's light into a difficult situation.** Consider a place in your home, workplace, relationships, or community where tension, discouragement, or hurt has taken hold. Choose one practical way to bring encouragement, peace, compassion, or truth into that situation. You might reach out to someone who feels overlooked, offer forgiveness where there's been hurt, or respond with patience instead of adding to the tension.
5. **Live with your God-given purpose in mind.** Rather than viewing your faith as something confined to Sunday, identify one opportunity this week to make a difference in someone else's life. It may be through prayer, a conversation, an act of service, or a simple expression of God's love.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your mercy and grace. Thank You for reaching me when I was lost in sin and making a way for me to have new life through Jesus Christ. I am grateful that I do not have to face the struggles of this world in my own strength, but can depend on You and the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help me recognize the spiritual battles around me and respond with faith rather than fear. Teach me to stand in the gap through prayer, bringing my family, relationships, community, and the needs of this world before You. Open my eyes to the people who are hurting, struggling, or searching for hope, and show me how I can reflect Your love through my words and actions. Forgive me for the times I have lived only for myself or relied on my own strength instead of seeking You. Help me grow in faith and live with the purpose You have given me. If I have never truly surrendered my life to Jesus, draw me to You today and help me place my faith in Him as my Savior and Lord. Until the day You make all things new, help me stand in the gap, trust Your promises, and make a difference wherever You place me. In Jesus' name, amen.