

“Standing in The Gap For Your Family”
Ezekiel 22:23-31

One of the highest callings and most solemn responsibilities any of us will ever face is that of being a parent. With today being Father’s Day, our primary focus will be on the responsibility God has given to fathers to stand in the gap of responsibility for their families. The biblical principle we will consider, however, has application for wives and mothers as well.

Our primary passage comes from the Old Testament book of Ezekiel; God was searching for a man to stand in the gap before Him on behalf of the wicked nation, so that He would not destroy it; sadly, He found no one who was capable. With our country being at such a precarious point in our history, the truth spoken by God through the prophet resounds with a sense of urgency we have not yet experienced.

1. Men fail to stand in the gap God has assigned to them for a wide range of _____.

- Ezekiel 22:23-31

2. The _____ of failing to stand in the gap of fatherhood are more far-reaching than most can imagine.

- Exodus 20:5-6
- Galatians 6:7-8

3. The gap of our responsibility as a father is certain to be _____ in a variety of ways.

- I Corinthians 3:10-15

4. God promises to give His strong _____ to fathers who will respond wholeheartedly to His call to stand in the gap.

- II Chronicles 16:9

5. In the ultimate sense of the word, there has only been
_____ who perfectly stood in the gap.

- Job 9:33

- I Timothy 2:5-6