

"Hold The Rope" Rev. Michael Cline

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Scripture: Ezekiel 22:30; King James Version (KJV)

Supporting Scriptures: Acts 9:25; Romans 10:14-15

Context: In today's passage, God uses language that reminds the people of Moses' actions centuries before. At Moses' intercession, God had relented of His wrath in the wilderness. In Ezekiel's day, there was no Moses. No one interceded for Israel. No one understood the danger God's people were in. That means God found **no faithful intercessor** or leader in Jerusalem willing to plead, repent, and turn the people back to Him. With no intercessor to stand in the gap, the destruction of Israel would be carried out.¹

Words of Encouragement

"The Savior is the perfect example of praying for others with real intent. In His great Intercessory Prayer uttered on the night before His Crucifixion, Jesus prayed for His Apostles and all of the Saints."

~~David Bednar~~



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Point #1: The Call to Hold the Rope

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Point # 2: The Cost of Neglect

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Point # 3: The Power of Partnership

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.



¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/stand-in-the-gap.html>