

## WOMAN, GOD IS SEARCHING FOR YOU (Part 1)

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Everyone is aware that there is a shaking taking place globally – earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and floods in many nations. Every nation is going through some kind of crisis, turmoil or travail. There are famines, droughts, financial meltdowns, rebellions, and everything man has ever held onto appears to be shaking and crumbling. There are so many wars or threats of war that the UN Security Council seems perplexed about which one to focus on and which one to ignore. However, it doesn't take much spiritual discernment to realize that what is happening is not just physical, but, has deep spiritual undertones. Indeed, it is a fulfilment of what Jesus predicted in Matthew 24.

One scripture particularly comes to mind, as I pray and ponder about what is happening spiritually and globally:

*“So I sought for a man [or woman] among them [the people in the land] who would make me a wall, and stand in the gap before me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found no one.” – Ezekiel 22:30*

I believe strongly that this is what is on the Lord's heart! God is searching, calling and challenging us to arise and stand in the gap and intercede for the Church and the Nations. How does this concern us as Christian women? I believe that the Lord is specifically calling women to rise up and contend for our families, communities, towns, cities and nations!

It is only in recent years that women have stood shoulder to shoulder with men on the battlefield. In fact it was during the war with Iraq that, for the first time in history, female British soldiers actually began to fight on the frontline, not as women, but as equals and fellow soldiers with the men. That was a major paradigm shift since, until then, women had been excluded from fighting on the frontline. We too need that PARADIGM SHIFT NOW, if we are to be successful in fighting the spiritual battles for our families, villages, towns, cities and nations.

The Lord is calling women to the frontline, to stand in the gap, take up their weapons and fight for the souls of humanity. **The greatest weapon we can employ in this battle is that of prayer and intercession.** *Therefore, it is time for ‘Deborah and Jael’ to arise!! (Judges 4) It is time for ‘Esther’ to gather her handmaidens, fast and pray for God to intervene and bring deliverance!! (Esther 4). It is time for ‘Anna’ to wait on the Lord fasting and praying, in expectation, that the Messiah and Saviour of the world would be revealed!! (Luke 2:36-38)*

It always displeases God when there is no intercessor. The God and Creator of the universe, even when He is angry and wants to send judgement, still looks for someone to come between Him and the object of His anger, so that He may exercise mercy and grace rather than judgement. What an awesome God we serve!!

*“Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man [woman], and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him”. – Isaiah 59:15-16*

Thus, God is clearly looking for men and women who will rise up, put their own problems and needs aside, stand in the gap and begin to pray and intercede for the Church and our Nations.

What does it mean to ‘stand in the gap’? To ‘stand in the gap’ is a metaphor for committed intercession, like Abraham did in *Genesis 18:16-33*. In biblical times, ‘to stand in the gap’ was also a *military metaphor* that assumed the knowledge of the defence of a city wall. If the city wall was breached, a repair team was sent under guard to repair the hole. The guards would hold off any intruders while the repairs were being completed. If the gap, break or breach in the

wall was not repaired, it became an opening for the enemy to attack and enter the city. (Nehemiah 4:7-18)

A gap in a wall or hedge always invites trouble from intruders. A wall serves as a protective hedge and a gap in it undermines that function. To bar intruders, a gap in the wall must be repaired urgently. God is searching for women who will stand 'in the gap,' as watchmen, intercessors and prayer warriors, and pray by the leading of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, to repair the breaches in the walls of our nations. Who will rise up to the challenge? Will you make yourself available? Will you...?

The Church of Jesus Christ is supposed to be the spiritual wall of protection around the city. For example, the Church in the UK supposed to be the protective wall around the UK. Apostle Peter describes believers as 'living stones' that God has spiritually built together, with Christ as our 'Chief Cornerstone'. (1 Peter 2:5). Thus, if we are 'built' round our families, towns, cities and nations, they will be protected and secure, and righteousness, justice and peace shall be found in our land. (Isaiah 26:1; Micah 4:1-5)

*"Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation and your gates praise". – Isaiah 60:18*

The present state of our families, communities, cities and nations is a clear indication that the spiritual "wall of protection" is badly damaged or breached. Sin, wickedness, pride, rebellion, unrighteousness and ungodliness have "breached the wall." Indifference, apathy, greed, hatred and divisions have created a gap in the wall. We have failed in our function as a protective hedge around our cities and nations. The enemy has come in and is wrecking much havoc and causing destruction. Just look around! Look at our children! Look at our marriages and families! Look at society! Look at our governments! Just look around you!! Sodom and Gomorrah would have been spared if there were enough righteous people in the land. Unless we, who have been made righteous through Christ Jesus, rise up, our families, communities, villages, towns, cities and nations will be destroyed.

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God is searching for women who will stand in the gap and intercede for the Church and the Nations. He is looking for women who will lay down their lives and fast and pray for Him to intervene and show mercy. Women who will fight the powers of darkness on their knees until the wicked plans and intentions of the evil one are thwarted. Women who will cry out until righteousness, justice and peace are restored and the nations begin to see Jesus Christ as the Light of the world. (Luke 2:14; Isaiah 32:15) God is looking for women who would call on Him for holiness, righteousness, unity and faith within the Church, so that she can demonstrate God's justice, peace, goodness, love, mercy and power to the world. God is searching for YOU!! God is calling you to arise, watch, pray, intercede and war!!! How will you respond...?

**To be continued next time...**

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