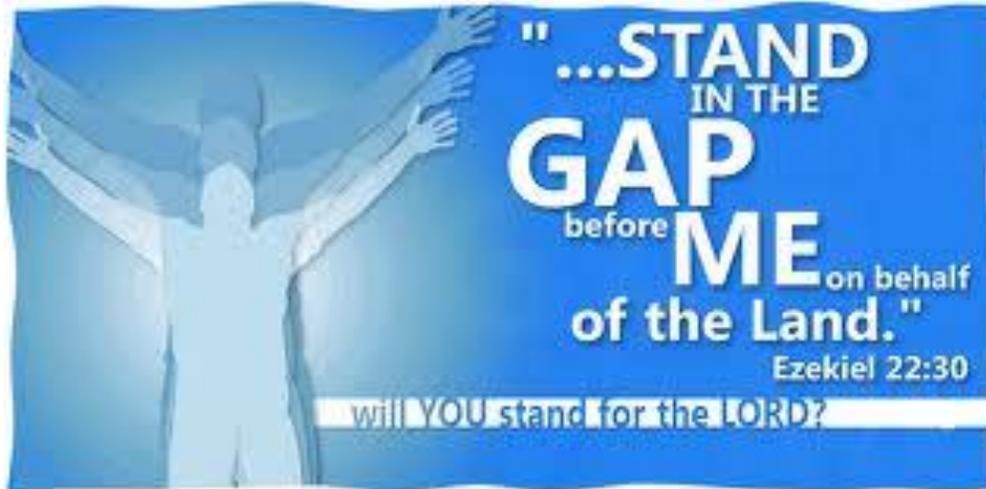


STAND IN THE GAP

Ezekiel 22:30



GROWTH





II. The Child Stage (Learning the Truth)

Now that you have made sure of your salvation, you must begin to learn the truth. The Christian life is a journey. It is a journey that takes you on many amazing adventures! In this section we will not deal primarily with truth itself but how you discover truth for yourself. Before we begin, we must mention briefly that all truth is based on the Word of God, the Bible. Here are few things you should know about the Bible:

1. Divine In Origin (John 1:1)
2. The Breathe of God (Hebrews 4:2 ; 2 Timothy 3:16 ; Genesis 2:7 ; 1 Peter 1:23)
3. Indestructible (Hebrews 4:12 ; 1 Peter 1:24 ; Matthew 24:35)
4. Convicting Power (Hebrews 4:12)
5. Clear in its Message (Hebrews 4:2)
6. The Believers Authority
7. God's love letter to mankind

Now that we have established the fact that all truth is based on the Word of God, we must now discover how we can know and understand the truth. **In order to understand the truth we must be students of the Bible.** If you are going to be a mathematician, what do you have to do? You have to learn all you can about math. If you are going to *Stand in the GAP* for God you must learn all you can about God. Our source for learning about God is the Bible. There are two ways that we learn the truths of the Bible: Daily Bible Study (Devotions) and Scripture Memorization.

How to have a daily Bible Study (Devotions):

1. Have a definite time and place to meet with God.
2. Begin with Worship. (spend a few moments just thanking God for all He has done for you)
3. Read at least one chapter out of the Bible. (it is recommended that you use some type of Bible reading plan)
4. Mediate on a weekly memory verse.
5. Pray for special needs and for help for the day.
6. End with a special project to apply to your life that day.

NOTE: If you are participating in our *Stand In The GAP* group Bible study, you will be introduced and shown how to use a spiritual journal for your daily Bible Studies.

How to memorize scripture:

1. Choose one verse to memorize each week.
2. Read the verse everyday during your daily Bible study and before you go to bed.
3. Make memory verse cards to carry with everywhere you go.
4. Choose a partner that will memorize the Bible verses with you.

Activity #2: Take 20 min. and find a quiet spot to have a daily Bible study using your spiritual journal.



Area	Biblical Worldview	Naturalism / Atheistic Worldview
God	There is a God	There is no God
Creation	God created world as recorded in Genesis	World came from natural causes
Man	God created man	Came into existence through millions of years of evolution
Man's Nature	Born with a sinful nature	Basically born good, but due to negative influences turns bad
Man Greatest Problem	Sin	Negative influences in world, culture
Solution	Spiritual	Many ways: government intervention, more education, technological developments, removal of religion
Jesus	Son of God, Savior of the world.	Was a "good" man. Rejection of his miracles and teaching!
Miracles	Miracles can only be explained by supernatural intervention.	All events have a naturalistic explanation.
Moral Code	Given to us by God in Bible	Society has ability to develop best moral code, (or dictatorship, or opinion polls.)
Tolerance	Live by Biblical Standard	Accept everyone and every system, (with exception of those with religious values)
Abortion	Life begins at conception and formed in womb by God. High value place on a life.	Since God did not create life, the value of life is less -- and can be disposed of.
Homosexuality	God intended for one man to be with one woman	Acceptance based upon cultural moral code and opinion polls
Marriage	One man united with one woman.	Lives by no real moral code -- do whatever feels good, no accountability, self serving, me focused.
Children	Life begins at conception, valuable to God, Asset to family unit.	Value begins after birth, Important to society
Government	Ordained by God, allowed by God, under God's authority	Many view government systems as solution to man's problems
Evil In World	Allowed by God, but will one day be removed from world.	According to some worldviews: due to ownership of property, wealth, religion, lack of education, lack of government control.
Satan	A real person in conflict with God and God's people.	Mystical person created by religious people. Total rejection.
Purpose in Life	God focus	Man focus
Soul	Everyone has an eternal soul	No one has an eternal soul
Salvation	Only through Jesus	"We are our own salvation"
Death	Everyone will die	Everyone will die
After Death	Every man and woman has an eternal destiny	Nothing happens or some form of reincarnation
Heaven	Literal place where believers go for eternity	We make our own heaven here on earth. (No biblical heaven)
Hell	Literal place where non-believers go for eternity	No literal hell. We can have hell here on earth.
Bible	God's Word	Simply myth & legend

*chart taken from: wwwFOUNDATIONSforLiving.org



One of the major differences between the two basic world-views is that the Biblical world-view is solid and never changing. The other world-views will change with the flowing tide of the latest trends of society. As Christians we must make sure that our standards and our view of the world and its issues are based on the unchanging truth of God's Word.

Activity #4: With a partner, read the case studies and discuss the questions together.

CASE STUDY #1

Julia grew up in a Christian home and attended a Christian School. All her life she was taught that God created the world. Now Julia is in a public college and one of her professors says that the world was made through evolution. He also makes fun of Christians and says that those who believe that there is a God and that God created the world are ignorant. The professor goes on to state that the world would be better off if there was no religion, especially Christians. Julia feels confused and scared. She knows she should say something but is too afraid to take a stand.

- If you were Julia, how would you feel? Would you question the professor or just stay silent?
- What do you think when people claim that there is no God?
- What advice would you give Julia on how to stand for the truth?

CASE STUDY #2

Mark is a junior at a public high school. He is challenged at a youth group meeting to take a stand for what he believes and to be a witness in his school. Mark observes that at his school there are various clubs for different things. There are clubs for art, chess, and music. He notices that there is also a scientology club and a religious tolerance club. Mark decides that he should start a Bible club. He goes to the school officials with his ideas and he is denied. When asked why he was denied the school officials state that a Bible club would be too offensive, they cannot allow such a club for the sake of religious tolerance, and that there is no room for such a club on the campus.

- Do you feel that Christianity is being attacked today?
- What can Mark do to protest the school's official decision?
- Do you think that not allowing a Bible club is practicing religious tolerance?

CASE STUDY #3

Jason and Sara have been dating since they were 14 years old. They have really grown to love each other and have started having sex. Sara is now 16 years old and just found out she is pregnant. Jason wants Sara to have an abortion but Sara does not feel good about doing that. She goes to a doctor and the doctor gives her a list of reasons as to why she should have an abortion. The doctor tells her not to worry, that what is in her is not really a baby yet; it is just a bunch of tissue. The doctor also tells her that no one will have to know, including her parents. Sara is scared, she does not want her parents to know she is pregnant, but should she abort the baby?

- What are your thoughts about abortion?
- At what point does life begin?
- What advice would you give Sara?
- What does the Bible say about life and abortion?
- What is your view on pre-marital sex?
- Should Jason and Sara get married?

IV. The Adult Stage (using our spiritual gifts to Stand in the GAP)

Now that you have grown in your faith, you enter into the adult stage. This is the stage of growth where you know what you believe and why you believe it and you're actively standing in GAP. This is where we want to be in our growth, we should be at the point where we are using our God-given gifts to teach and lead others. As a Christian, you have been given certain spiritual gifts to be used for God's glory.

Activity #5: With a partner or group, read the passages below and answer the corresponding questions.

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

1. Do all believers have spiritual gifts?
2. Who gives us spiritual gifts?
3. What does it mean to be a part of the body of Christ?
4. Where are we to practice our spiritual gifts?

Romans 12:1-21

1. What does it mean to be a living sacrifice?
2. How are we transformed?
3. List at least 3 of the ways we can use our gifts according to verses 9-21.

As Christians, we are not called to just go to church and study our Bibles and do nothing else. We are called to serve God and to use our gifts to make a difference in the world that we live.

Activity #6:

Take a spiritual gift test provided for you by your Bible study leader. Discuss the results with those in your class.

ACCOUNTABILITY





The second step toward *Standing in the GAP* is *Accountability*. One thing we need to understand is that you cannot live the Christian life on your own. You can't take a stand for Christ on your own. You must have some back-up. We all need someone that we are accountable to that will be our partner to Stand in the GAP. The Bible gives us several examples of being accountable. Let's examine each of the passages below and discuss the questions together.

1 Corinthians 12:26

1. What happens when one member of the Body of Christ falls into sin?
2. When one member of the Body of Christ does practice their God-given gifts, what happens?
3. When one member of the Body of Christ fulfills their responsibility, what happens?
4. Have you ever been affected by a mistake made by another Christian?
5. Does it cause you to rejoice when another Christian is blessed and used of God?

Acts 2:41-47

1. How many people joined the church in one day?
2. What did the church continue in?
3. Where did the church worship and fellowship?
4. What did the church do with their possessions?
5. How often did the church meet together for worship and Bible study?

Acts 11:22-30

1. What did Saul do before he became a Christian?
2. Who helped Saul to begin his ministry?
3. How long did Barnabas disciple and worked with Saul in Antioch?
4. Do you have a spiritual mentor in your life?
5. Why should every Christian have a spiritual mentor or accountability partner?

There are no lone rangers in the Body of Christ. We all need each other. As Christians, we are on the same team and in order to *Stand in the GAP* we must rely upon each other for the encouragement that we need to keep on serving the Lord and growing in our relationship with Christ.

Some Suggestions for Staying Accountable:

1. Prayerfully choose two accountability partners of the same sex, one who is more spiritually mature than you and one who you can encourage and mentor.
2. Meet with your accountability partner on a regular basis to discuss each other's struggles.
3. Memorize scripture and participate in Bible studies with your accountability partner.
4. Be open with your accountability partner, sharing with each other and helping one another with all your struggles and temptations.
5. Discuss your spiritual growth progress with your pastor, youth leader, or Sunday School teacher.

PRAYER





As we prepare to *Stand in the GAP* there is one very important tool that we must never overlook. That all important tool is prayer. The most powerful weapon in the arsenal of spiritual warfare is prayer. Without prayer we have no power and no ability to overcome what the world throws our way. In this lesson we will discuss the different types of prayer and the importance of using scripture in our prayers.

Different Types of Prayer*

1. Prayer of Praise and Adoration:

We find many prayers of this type in the Bible. This is prayer centered wholly upon God and His eternal characteristics—His majesty, glory, and power; His beauty and lavish love; His mercy and grace. Personal devotional prayer should begin with this type of prayer.

2. Prayer of Penitence:

This is the next step in personal prayer, asking for forgiveness of sin. Psalm 51 is our best known prayer of penitence in the Bible.

3. Prayer of Petition:

Petition means to ask for something. Because we are wholly dependent upon God for life He loves to have us ask for things. Perhaps this is the most used and misused prayer of all time. We all want material prosperity and popularity—but whenever we ask for material things we should remember to add, “Your will be done.” Although God cares about anything that concerns us and He wants us to ask Him for what we need, yet it pleases Him most when we ask for the characteristics of Jesus.

4. Prayer of Thanksgiving:

This is a prayer of appreciation for the gifts God has given us. Learning to be thankful is one of the best ways to combat depression and self-pity. Thanksgiving should be a part of every prayer.

5. Prayer of Intercession:

When we intercede for others we come closest to God's heart. Jesus, in heaven, is our High Priest and His ministry is to intercede with the Father for mankind. When we join Him in praying for others we are most like Him.

Activity #7

With a partner, spend time praying together using the different types of prayer.

Not only should we understand the different types of prayer, but we should understand the importance of using scripture in our prayers. The Bible is the ultimate authority. If we really believe that the Bible is the Word of God, what better way should we pray than simply praying scripture. Below is a list of many scripture prayers that would be helpful in your personal prayer time:

PRAYER PROMISES

Jer 1:12 ...I am ready to perform My Word.

Jn 16:24 ...Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full

Mt 21:22 ...whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

Jer 33:3 ...Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things

Jn 14:14 ...If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

Jn 16:23 ...whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

Jas 5:16 ...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Job 22:27 ...You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you...

1Jn 5:14 ...Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1Jn 5:15 ...And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Jn 14:13 ...And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Isa 55:11 ...So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Jn 15:7 ...If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Mt 18:18 ...Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Mt 18:19 ...Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask,

it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

Jn 15:16 ...You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Jer 29:12 ...Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

Isa 65:24 ...It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer, and while they are speaking I will hear.

Ps 91:15 ...He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

Ps 141:2 ...Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

PRAYING FOR THE GOVERNMENT

1Tim 2:1 Heavenly Father, I give thanks for our government.

1 Tim 2:2 I pray for all men and women having authority over us in any way.

Prov. 1:23 Pour out Your Spirit upon them and make Your Word known to them.

Ps 25:21 Cause them to be men and women of integrity, obedient concerning us,

1 Tim 2:2 that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

Prov. 2:10 Let wisdom enter their hearts, and let knowledge be pleasant to them.

Prov. 2:11 Let discretion preserve them and understanding keep them,

Prov. 2:12 to deliver them from the way of evil and from evil men.

Psalms 1:1 Make their hearts and ears attentive to godly counsel,

2Chr 20:32 doing what is right in your sight.

Prov. 2:21 Let the upright dwell in our government.
Heb 12:27 Cause there to be a shaking in all areas.
Prov. 2:21 Let those complete and blameless before You stay.
Prov. 2:22 and cut off the wicked. Let the unfaithful be rooted out.
1Cor 4:5 Bring to light what is hidden in darkness,
1Cor 4:5 and expose the secret aims of the hearts.
Rev 2:5 Let this nation remember from where they have fallen,
Rev 2:5 repenting, and returning to doing their first works,
1Chr 22:19 setting their hearts and their souls to seek the Lord,
2Chr 7:14 humbling themselves, praying, and turning from their wicked ways.
2Chr 7:14 Then hear them, O Lord, and forgive their sins and heal our land.
Acts 26:18 Open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light.
Heb 3:13 Soften the hearts that are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
Ps 107:20 Deliver them from their destructions.
2Pet 3:9 Father, You have been longsuffering toward us,
2Pet 3:9 not willing that any should perish,
2Pet 3:9 but that all should come to repentance.
Isa 49:22 Raise up a standard in this nation.
Zech 10:1 Cause the rains of Your Spirit to flood this land
Hab 3:2 and revive Your work in the midst of us.
Isa 59:16 Raise up intercessors for this nation
2Cor 10:4 to pull down strongholds over this land.
Isa 40:5 And let the glory of the Lord be revealed!

PRAYING FOR NATIONS

Joel 3:12 Let the nations be awakened!
Isa 1:2 Let the earth hear the voice of the Lord!
Ps 9:20 Judge the nations in Your sight, Father, and put them to fear,
Ps 9:20 that they might know themselves to be but men.
Rom 8:22 Father, the whole creation groans and labors
Rom 8:21 to be delivered from the bondage of corruption,
Rom 8:21 into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
Jn 15:26 Send forth Your Spirit of Truth to bear witness of You,
Jn 16:8 and to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.
Eze 14:6 Cause them to repent and to turn from their idols.
Hag 2:7 Shake the nations, so they will come to the Desire of All Nations(Jesus).
Num 23:24 Father, cause Your people to rise up.
Joel 3:11 Gather Your mighty ones to prepare for war.
Joel 3:14 Bring the multitudes into the valley of decision.
Jer 49:14 Send Your ambassadors into all the nations.
Col. 4:3 Open to them a door for the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ,
Mt 24:14 that the gospel of the kingdom may be preached in all the world.
Ps 111:6 You have declared to Your people the power of Your works,
Ps 111:6 in giving them the heritage of the nations.
Phil 2:10 Let every knee bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord!
Isa 61:11 Cause righteousness and praise to spring forth.
Hab 2:14 Let the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory
Hab 2:14 of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
Isa 43:9 Father, gather the nations together,
Ps 22:27 that they may worship Thee,
Ps 46:10 and exult Thee in all the earth.
Gal 3:8 Let all the nations be blessed through Your people,

Zech 14:14 and let the wealth of the heathen be gathered together
2Kin 22:5 and be delivered into the hands of Your people for the work of the Lord.
Isa. 49:6 Send forth Your salvation to the ends of the earth,
Mk 12:36 and make Your enemies to be Your footstool.

PRAYING FOR JERUSALEM

Isa 45:3 Father, You are the God of Israel, and they are Your people.
Isa 45:4 You named them, though they did not know You.
Jer 33:8 Lord, cleanse them from their iniquities, and pardon all of their sins.
Isa 45:17 Save them with an everlasting salvation.
Isa 45:13 Raise them up in righteousness, and direct all their ways.
Ps 25:22 Redeem Israel out of all of their troubles.
Joel 3:16 Be a shelter for Your people,
Joel 3:16 and the strength of the children of Israel.
Jer 33:9 Bring health and healing to them and to their land,
Jer 33:6 Revealing to them Your abundance of peace and truth.
Eph 1:18 Let the eyes of their understanding be enlightened.
Eph 1:17 Give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation
Eph 1:17 in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Jer 33:9 Let Israel be to You a name of praise,
Jer 33:9 and an honor before all the nations of the earth.
Jer 33:9 Proclaiming all the good You do for them,
Jer 33:9 and causing fear and trembling among the nations,
Jer 33:9 because of all the goodness and prosperity You provide for it.
Joel 2:25 Restore everything that has been removed from them.
Joel 2:19 Send them grain and new wine and oil to satisfy them.
Prov 16:7 Make their enemies to be at peace with them
Joel 2:19 and no longer let them be a reproach among the nations.
Eze 34:12 Seek out Your sheep and deliver them
Eze 34:13 from the peoples and countries where they were scattered,
Eze 34:13 and bring them to their own land.
Ps 122:6 I pray for the peace of Jerusalem,
Ps 122:6 may they prosper that love you.
Eze 34:25 Lord, cause their enemies to cease from the land.
Eze 34:26 Make them and the places all around Jerusalem a blessing,
Eze 34:26 and cause showers of blessings to come down in their season.
Eze 34:27 Let Your people dwell safely in their land,
Jer 34:17 delivered from trouble from all the kingdoms of the earth.

PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES

Mt 13:38 Father, I pray for those out in the mission fields,
Mt 13:38 spreading the good news of the Gospel,
Mt 24:14 in this country and around the world.
1Jn 3:17 They have seen their brothers' needs
1Jn 3:17 and have not shut up their hearts from them,
3Jn 1:7 but have faithfully gone forth into all the earth.
2Tim 1:9 Let them be called with a holy calling,
2Tim 1:9 not according to their works,
2Tim 1:9 but according to Your own purpose, Father.
1Jn 3:18 Out of love they have laid down their lives
Jas 1:25 and determined to be doers of the work, not hearers only.

Act 16:24 I pray for those in prison for their beliefs.
2Tim 1:8 Not being ashamed, they share in the sufferings for the Gospel,
2Tim 2:10 and endure all things for the sake of those chosen for salvation.
Act 16:26 Father, send forth Your angels and cause them to be set free.
Heb 6:10 Do not forget their work and labor of love.
2Tim 4:17 Stand with them and strengthen them.
2Tim 4:18 Deliver them from every evil work and preserve them.
Phil 1:12 Cause the things which have happened to actually
Phil 1:12 turn out for the furtherance of the Gospel.
Ps 104:4 Make Your ministers a flame of fire,
Phil 2:16 Help them to hold fast to the Word of life
Eph 5:10 proving what is acceptable to the Lord,
Eph 5:11 exposing the unfruitful works of darkness,
Phil 2:15 and shining as bright lights in a dark world.
2Thes 3:8 Let their hard work be an example to us,
1Thes 3:2 as we send fellow laborers and ministers of God
1Thes 3:2 to encourage and establish them concerning their faith,
1Thes 3:3 so that they will not be shaken by afflictions.
1Thes 2:2 Give them the boldness to speak the Gospel in the midst of conflict
1Cor 2:4 in demonstration of the Spirit and power
Col 4:17 and to fulfill the ministry they have received in the Lord.

PRAYING FOR PASTORS

Ps 31:23 Father, I thank You that our pastors are faithful,
Ps 31:23 and that You preserve them.
Prov 28:20 That they abound with blessings,
Gal 6:9 and do not grow weary in well doing.
Phil 1:6 That You who began a good work in them will perfect it.
Eph 2:10 They are Your workmanship created in Christ Jesus,
Heb 13:21 and equipped in every good thing to do Your will.
Heb 13:21 Work in them that which is wellpleasing
in Your sight.
2Cor 9:8 Let all grace abound toward them, having sufficiency in all things,
2Cor 9:8 and an abundance for every good work.
2Cor 9:6 Because they have sowed bountifully, they will reap bountifully,
1Cor 3:6 and whether they plant or water, Father, You give the increase.
2Cor 2:14 I pray that they continually triumph in Christ,
2Cor 2:14 diffusing the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.
Deut 28:2 That all blessings come upon them and overtake them,
Deut 28:2 because they obey the voice of their God.
Ps 32:8 Instruct them and teach them in the way they should go;
1Cor 2:10 reveal the deeper things of God to them by Your Spirit.
2Tim 2:21 Let them be vessels of honor, sanctified and useful for the Master,
2Tim 2:21 prepared for every good work.
1Pet 5:2 Shepherding the flock willingly, eagerly, and being an example to them.
1Cor 2:4 Their speech and preaching is in demonstration of the Spirit and power.
2Tim 4:2 And they are instant in season and out of season to preach the Word.
Josh 1:3 Every place the soles of their feet tread upon has been given to them.
Deut 31:6 They are strong and of good courage for You, Lord, go with them.
Ps 27:14 They wait on You, and You strengthen them in their heart.
Titus 1:5 Help them set in order things that are lacking,
Titus 1:5 and appoint elders in every city.

2Cor 10:4 I tear down the strongholds over the pulpit.
Ex 17:11 I lift up our pastors
Heb 12:24 and cover them with the blood of Jesus.
Deut 28:15-28 Sickness and disease shall in no way come near them,
Gal 3:13 for they are redeemed from the curse of the law.
Isa 54:17 I say that no weapon formed against them will prosper,
Isa 54:17 and every tongue rising against them shall be shown to be in the wrong.
Cor 12:11 Father, let the gifts and anointings on their lives come forth.
Luke 1:45 Birth the things that You have spoken to them in their hearts,
Acts 6:4 as they continually give themselves to prayer
Acts 6:4 and the ministry of the Word.

PRAYING FOR PASTOR'S FAMILY

1Pet 4:8 Father, I pray that their family members love one another.
1Pet 4:9 That they are hospitable to one another without complaint.
1Pet 4:11 Serving by the strength that You supply,
1Pet 4:11 so that in all things You may be glorified.
1Thes 5:11 I pray that they encourage one another, comfort, edify,
Acts 20:32 and build one another up.
Mt 18:19 That they stand in agreement in every area of their lives,
Neh 8:10 Letting the joy of the Lord be their strength,
Col 3:15 with the peace of God ruling in their hearts.
Ps 138:8 Father, I thank You that You're perfecting
Ps 138:8 everything concerning them.
Ps 92:10 Anoint them with fresh oil.
Ps 103:5 Satisfy them with good things,
Ps 103:5 So that their youth is renewed like the eagle's.
Ps 92:14 In old age they shall still bear fruit,
Ps 92:14 and be fresh and flourishing.
Ps 91:16 With a long life You will satisfy them.
Job 1:10 Father, place a hedge of protection
Job 1:10 around them, around their household,
Job 1:10 and around all that they have on every side.
Ps 34:7 I thank You that the angel of the Lord encamps
Ps 34:7 round about them and delivers them from all evil,
Ps 91:3 from the snare of the fowler, from every pestilence,
Ps 91:10 and that no plague will come near their dwelling.
Prov 3:24 They shall lie down and their sleep shall be sweet.
Prov 16:7 Because their ways please You Lord,
Prov 16:7 You make their enemies to be at peace with them.
Deut 29:9 They keep Your word and do it,
Deut 29:9 therefore, they prosper in all that they do.
Jn 15:4 Because they abide in You and delight themselves in You,
Ps 37:4 You give them the desires of their heart.
1Pet 5:6 And because they humble themselves, exalt them in due season.
1Pet 4:19 I thank You Father that they are committed to You, to doing good,
1Pet 5:7 casting all their cares upon You, for You care for them.
1Pet 5:8 That they are sober, vigilant, continually resisting the devil,
1Pet 5:9 and steadfast in their faith.
1Pet 5:10 Father, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle them in Jesus' name.

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH

1Pet 5:6 Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves under Your mighty hand.
1Jn 1:9 Forgive us for our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Heb 10:22 Let us draw near to You with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
Heb 10:22 having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience,
Heb 10:22 and our bodies washed with pure water.
Col 3:16 Let Your Word dwell in us richly.
Col 1:9 Fill us with the knowledge of Your will,
Col 1:9 in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,
Col 1:10 that we may live and conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of You,
Col 1:10 fully pleasing You, and being fruitful in every good work.
Eph 4:23 And, by being renewed in the spirit of our minds,
Col 3:12 that we put on tender mercies, kindness, humility,
Col 3:12 meekness, longsuffering: bearing with and forgiving one another.
Eph 4:13 That we dwell together in the unity of the faith,
1Thes 5:12 recognizing those who labor among us,
1Thes 5:13 esteeming them highly in love for their work's sake.
1Cor 1:10 I pray we all speak the same thing, with no divisions among us,
Phil 1:27 standing fast in one spirit, striving together for the faith.
Heb 13:9 That we're not carried about with various and strange doctrines,
2Tim 2:15 But we study, rightly dividing the word of truth.
Jude 1:16 That we're not murmurers, complainers, walking after our own lusts,
1Tim 6:18 but are rich in good works, ready to give and willing to share.
Eph 4:16 I pray that the whole body be knit and joined together,
Eph 4:16 and that every part does its share causing growth to the body.
1Pet 4:10 As each one has received a gift, let him minister it,
Phil 2:4 looking out for the interests of others.
1Pet 1:22 Let us all fervently love one another with a pure heart,
2Jn 1:8 so that we do not lose the things we have worked for.
1Pet 4:7 Let us become serious and watchful in our prayers,
Eph 5:16 redeeming the time, for the days are evil.
Heb 12:1 Running with endurance the race that is set before us,
Col 3:2 setting our minds on things above and not on things on the earth.
Phil 3:14 But pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God.
Eph 6:11 Putting on the whole armor of God that we may stand against the devil.
Acts 4:29 That we will speak forth Your Word with great boldness
Acts 4:30 and that You will stretch forth Your hand to heal,
Acts 4:30 that signs and wonders may be done in the name of Your Son Jesus.

PRAYING FOR RELATIONSHIPS

Mt 21:21 Father, I come before You in prayer and in faith.
Rom 13:11 Your Word says that now is the time for all to awaken from sleep,
Rom 13:11 For our salvation is nearer now than we first believed.
Col 1:13 Lord, deliver my loved ones from the power of darkness,
Rom 13:12 and cause them to put on the armor of light.
Rom 13:14 Help them in their daily walk to put on the Lord Jesus Christ
Rom 13:13 and to avoid the lusts and idolatry of life.
Ps 119:37 Cause them to turn their eyes away from worthless things,
2Tim 2:26 to come to their senses, and escape the snare of the devil.
Rom 13:13 Deliver them from immorality, strife, and envy,

Heb 10:22 and draw them near to You, Father, with a true heart.
Mt 5:6 Create in them a hunger and thirst for You and Your righteousness,
Ps 119:37 and revive them in Your ways.
Col 1:9 I ask that You fill them with the knowledge of Your will
Col 1:9 in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
Col 1:10 that they might have a walk worthy of You, Lord,
Col 1:10 fully pleasing You, being fruitful in every good work,
Col 1:10 and increasing in the knowledge of You,
Col 1:11 strengthened with all might, according to Your glorious power.
Rom 8:30 Bring them into the calling that You have predestined for them;
1Chr 28:9 help them to serve You with a loyal heart and with a willing mind,
Ps 32:8 and instruct them in the way they should go.
Jas 1:22 Let them be doers of the Word and not hearers only,
Ps 119:97 meditating in Your Word day and night.
Ps 112:6 Establish their heart, so they will never be shaken,
1Cor 10:13 and show them a way of escape with every temptation.
Rom 13:8 Let them owe no man anything except their love.
1Jn 3:18 A love that is in deed and truth, not just in word and speech.
Ps 110:3 Let them be volunteers serving You in the time of Your power.
Mt 6:33 Seeking first Your kingdom so that they will reap abundant blessings.
Prov 3:9 I pray that they will honor You with their possessions
Prov 3:9 and with the firstfruits of their increase;
Ps 111:1 Praising the Lord with their whole heart in the assembly
Ps 111:1 of the upright and in the congregation,
Mic 6:8 walking humbly with You Lord, being determined to act justly,
Ps 112:4 loving mercy and righteousness,
Ps 112:4 being gracious and full of compassion.

PRAYING FOR CHILDREN

Acts 19:20 I thank you Father that Your Word prevails over our children.
Isa 54:13 That they are taught of the Lord and continue to be
Prov 13:1 the fruit of godly instruction and correction.
Isa 54:13 Great is their peace and undisturbed composure.
Prov 2:6 Father, give us counsel and wisdom in bringing up our children.
1Pet 1:14 I say they are obedient, not conforming to the things of the flesh,
1Pet 1:15 but holy, in all conduct.
1Pet 2:2 desiring the pure milk of the Word that they may grow thereby.
Jas 1:19 That they are swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath.
Heb 13:5 Their conduct is without covetousness,
Heb 13:5 and they are content with what they have.
Heb 13:16 They do not forget to do what is right and to share.
2Pet 3:18 I pray that they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord,
1Thes 4:1 and abound more and more in how they should walk and please You.
1Pet 5:5 That they submit to their elders, and to one another,
1Pet 5:5 being clothed with humility.
1Pet 5:7 That they cast their cares upon You, Father, for You care for them.
Jas 1:22 I thank You that they are doers of the Word, and not hearers only,
Ph'm 1:6 effectively sharing their faith.
2Tim 1:7 not having a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.
2Tim 1:9 Father, You have saved them and called them with a holy calling,
2Tim 1:9 not according to works, but according to Your own purpose.
2Tim 4:18 Deliver them from every evil work and preserve them.

John 10:5 They will by no means follow strangers, not knowing their voices.
2Tim2:22 They abide with others who call on the Lord out of a pure heart,
Jas 3:10 and cursing comes not out of their mouth.
1Jn 5:18 Because Jesus keeps them safe, the wicked one does not touch them.
Ps 91:11 Give Your angels special charge to accompany, defend, preserve
Ps 4:8 and provide safety for them, day and night.
1Jn 2:5 Because they keep Your Word, Your love is being perfected in them.
1Jn 2:15 They do not love the world or the things in the world,
3Jn 1:11 and they do not imitate what is evil, but what is good.
1Jn 1:7 They walk in the light as You are in the Light,
Jas 4:8 cleansing their hands and purifying their hearts,
2Tim 2:22 They follow after righteousness, faith, love, and peace.
Heb 13:18 They have a good conscience and desire to live honorably,
Prov 3:4 having favor and high esteem with God and man.

Activity #8

With a small group, read through the scripture prayers.

Some suggestions for personal prayer:

1. Start everyday with prayer, beginning your prayer with thanksgiving and praise to God.
2. As you have your daily devotions, use the scriptures you read as a prayer.
3. Have a prayer list in your spiritual journal. Be sure to record the times that prayer is answered.
4. Pray on a regular basis with your accountability partner.

Final Thoughts

Learning to *Stand in the GAP* is an amazing journey. It is God's desire that you be a man or woman of God who is not afraid to stand up for Him. In order to be such a person you must practice spiritual growth, accountability, and prayer. It is my prayer that this study has been helpful to you and that a new generation of strong unashamed believers will rise up and *Stand in the GAP*.

