



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

***Standing in the Breach (2)... by Billy***

READ PROVERBS 24:10-12

- The act of standing in the breach for others involves risk; nor can it be accomplished in isolation. Indeed it will also involve much struggle.
- The problem with adversity is that it comes upon us in such an unexpected manner. In these instances we are tempted to ask; what is the line of least resistance, or what is the safest and most rational response.
- We ought to be asking; what is the moral response and which is the Christ-like attitude. Most often we already know this instinctively but the problem is that we are not prepared to take the risk.
- The answer to this dilemma is to be spiritually prepared. God prepares the hearts of those who wait for Him. (Isa.50:4-7).
- *"The Lord God has opened my ear and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward."* (Isa.50:5)  
God gives us a word in season for the weary and enables us to feel compassion for the needy. (Isa.50:4).
- The rescue can take various forms, a literal word to the weary one who is parched for truth, or a prayer of intercession that will fight off evil powers that they are unable to overcome.
- What is our contribution to this ministry of rescue?
- Are we standing in the breach on behalf of those who cannot rescue themselves?
- Remember the rescue will always involve risk. The rescue work is best done in solidarity. More will be accomplished when believers pray together and when leadership works together.
- Turn to *Philippians 1:27-30*. *"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel."* (v.27).
- This kind of commitment will involve hardship and struggle. Paul gives an illustration of the kind of effort that is involved using examples from everyday life. (2 Tim. 2:3-7).

### **In summary:**

- The work of standing in the breach involves risk if we are to be involved in God's rescue plan.
- The work cannot be done effectively in isolation but only in solidarity,
- We must be prepared to focus, to discipline ourselves and to work hard

## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

### Events /Notices

- ▶ **Family service tomorrow** following worship and breaking of bread. **Baby Guiem** will also be dedicated at the end of the meeting.
- ▶ **Hospitality will resume on the top floor** after the meeting. Well done to all who helped in the clean up.
- ▶ **Church in Chains annual meeting** includes an update from Nigeria and is at the Clarion hotel in Liffey Valley at 10.00am next *Saturday 10th Sept*. Admission is free.(Check with Norah for more details)

### Extra Services

*If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:*

#### ▶ *Crèche and Pre-school Praise*

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 2-5 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

#### ▶ *Sunday School*

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

*Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)*

#### ▶ *Tea and Coffee*

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2).