

Ezekiel 22:30 – “I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap, ... but I found no one.”

Ezekiel was a prophet during the Babylonian exile, and he was called by the Lord to minister to a people already being disciplined by God. It was a trying, distressing time. In the ESV Study Bible for this same passage, the notes say that sometimes it just takes *one* courageous person to stop great evil. We are beginning to be in a distressing time, an urgent time, as well. We need someone to stand in the gap for our children. When God goes looking for someone to stand in the gap for *this* generation, I want Him to find *me!*

My children are my priority blessing, and my first ministry. Every day is something new with them. These children make me need Jesus like I need oxygen. I am in the throes of motherhood, so deeply buried in the trenches of the everyday that I don't dare take my eyes off my own mission. Four little people rely on me for everything from rides to practice and new shoes to bath time and a competitive Candy Land opponent. I am not done with my journey. I am not looking back with fondness over each step. I am right in the middle of my walk of faith in *this generation*, through the grit of the day with the trials of this fast-paced society and dark world.

As one of the wisest women I know once told me, “If you think you have motherhood figured out, one of two things could happen. You could become paranoid when it isn't going as planned. Or you could become proud. Both of those bring displeasure to God, Lee.” Not having ultimate control could drive me crazy or it could drive me to my knees in prayer. I am choosing the latter.

I am choosing to stand in the gap for my children. Will you commit to join me?

Dear Lord,

I commit my family to You and ask You to help me equip them for the path ahead. I praise and thank You that You have said You will never leave or forsake them. I say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, I will not fear,” as it says in Hebrews 13:6. Thank You, Father, that You are willing to help me raise my children and that You are deeply invested in the process. Help me to recognize areas where my children must be equipped and to do this work faithfully for Your glory.

In Jesus's name, Amen.