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Standing in the Gap
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Today I was going to talk about the various ministries that we have but I decided to put my wife on the air today with me because we're going to be talking specifically about our ministry *Standing in the Gap*. *Standing in the Gap* is our intercessory prayer ministry. So Carmi, thank you for being on the air with me. Well, I'm glad to be here with you.

I'm glad to be praying with you for our listeners and whoever God puts in our hearts. Yeah, and that's going to be the key is whoever God puts in our hearts. So just to tell you a little bit about *Standing in the Gap*, *Standing in the Gap* is the intercessory prayer ministry of our ministry called *Creating Futures* and what we do is we meet on Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. and we meet on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and what we do is we just take a time about 45 minutes to an hour to pray for Fairfield Bay, to pray for America, to pray for individuals, whatever God happens to put on our heart and what I thought we would do today is Carmi and I are just going to pray.

We're going to take the next 10-12 minutes and we're just going to be praying for various things whatever God puts in our heart and that's what we do on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Whoever joins with us is we just kind of go by where we feel God is leading us to pray and so we have some things we would like to pray about in this broadcast but who knows where we'll go. So, Carmi, do you want to share anything before we get into prayer? No, I'm just burdened by, you know, what's going on especially in Fairfield Bay where we're at many times during the week and so, yeah, I just would like to be praying specifically for people. And do you have some people in your mind that you want to pray for or situations or? Yes, a specific person but we cannot be naming names on air and so I will just pray maybe for a general and for a specific person without necessarily naming names.

Okay, and so we're just going to go ahead and get started. Is there any Bible passage you want to share before we get started or anything else you want to share before we get started in prayer? I just want to say, you know, in intercession, we believe God has empowered us by His Holy Spirit to intercede for others' needs and so we obey Him and because He has also invested in us Christ's authority to restrain satanic powers, you know, and forces that are blinding and hindering the people that we are praying for and so I believe that being equipped already and commissioned to intercede for people and individuals and in the community, in the country, then I just believe that we are to obey God's commission. Okay, so you believe we're commissioned to intercede and pray for others? Yes, I do.

Okay. All right. We'll go ahead and get started.

I'll start out, you jump in wherever. The way we normally pray is one prays and then before we go to another topic, we let the other one, if they want to jump in and pray for it. So I don't know, I call it a kind of a tag team in a way is that one prays and the other one may pray on the same topic or they may change topics.

So we're doing this live, we're doing this without any preparation whatsoever. So we have no idea really what direction we'll go, we'll just see what God does. So Father, we just come to you right now. We know that as this broadcast is going to go out, broadcast on a Sunday morning, and also it's going to be on the podcast that's available anywhere 24 hours a day, seven days a week and could be listened to by anybody. And so Lord, you have on your agenda what we should pray and so we want to be in tune to your spirit. So we just give this time to you. We ask that you lead us, you guide us, you direct us on what's on your heart, where you're working and moving and where you want to join with us. And so we just give this time to you in Jesus name. Amen.

So Father God, at this time, I just lift up to you, our listeners, those who don't know yet as their Lord and Savior, Father God, I pray that you open up their eyes, open up their hearts, oh Father God, that they may know you. Lord, you said that the God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. And many times too, the devil, the devil has put a trap on them and has taken them captive to do his will.

And so at this point, I just pray, God, that you open the blinders, open their minds of unbelievers, Father God, and just remove the trap of the enemy, Father God, that has taken them captive to do his will, that these people may know you, that they will come out of the kingdom of darkness into the marvelous light of the glory of Jesus Christ. So I pray for hearts to be open at this time, Father God, in the mighty name of Jesus, I pray.

Yes, Lord, we ask that there be a softening of hearts. There are those who may be listening on this broadcast or the podcast later on that they don't know why they're tuning in. They listen to us. They know this must be a Christian broadcast. And instead of turning off the radio, turning off the podcast, they're still listening. So you're touching their heart. And I pray that they would know that, that if they're still listening and not tuning us out, that it's God's Holy Spirit working on them to soften their heart and to get them to open their ears, to open their heart, to be able to hear the gospel message, to know that God loves them, that he cares for them, that he has a plan for them.

So we pray, Father God, that they will come into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, that many have heard the gospel, but have not responded to the gospel. So we pray that they would respond. Even today, they would respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I pray also, God, maybe there are listeners that know you, that are followers of Christ, but then, Father God, for some reasons, they have been trapped by the enemy. They have been deceived by the enemy. They have been believing in lies and spreading gossips and rumors and false accusations and slanders, maybe because of their past hurts.

And so they lash out at people who are innocent. So I pray, God, that you enlighten their hearts, Father God, that they see the truth. They see the light of the gospel of Christ, oh, Father God, and that you are able, God, deliver them from the trap of the enemy, deliver

them, Father God, from whatever is, those that easily entangles them, Father God, and that, again, you open their hearts, remove their blinders, that they will see the light of Christ.

And Lord, I'd even go further and pray that these individuals, Lord, that they would repent of the things that they're doing, that they know in their heart of hearts it's not right, it's not good, it's not of God. That they, in their hearts, they know that they shouldn't be doing it, and for whatever reason they keep it up. I pray, Father God, you bring conviction upon them to stop the behavior, to change the behavior, to get the help that they need, to get healing in their own heart and minds.

And Lord, one of the ways of healing is forgiveness. So some, the reason they're acting bitter, resentful, hateful, name-calling, mocking, all those different things that goes on in this community and throughout America is because they have bitterness and resentment over things that has happened to them. And you call us to forgive, Lord. And I really don't expect somebody that doesn't know Jesus to be able to forgive somebody that's wounded them or hurt them. But Father God, you say in your word that we as Christians, as followers of Christ, if we want forgiveness, we need to forgive others just as Christ forgiven us. And so, Lord, give them the grace, the ability to let go of some of those things that have happened to them and to be able to release that person to you, Lord. You say in your word that vengeance is yours. I pray they would just turn that person over to you and allow you to deal with them to do what you want to do in their life and that they could be free from what so easily entangles them that gets them all caught up and frustrated and bitter.

And Lord, we don't know the circumstances, situations of individuals. All we can do is go by the behavior. And we know this, that as Christ followers, we're not supposed to manifest the character of Satan. And so, Lord, those who may be doing that, again, you bring conviction upon them that you turn them around, Lord, and that they would repent of what they're doing. And as I've said in my last couple of broadcasts is that they would turn around and even publicly repent where they know they've hurt others. And Lord, we know that would take a miracle for that to happen. But you can do that. And so we just trust you in that in Jesus' name.

Yes, Father. Spirit of humility, we pray upon them, grant them a humble heart, Father God, and just to acknowledge that they're hurting and that they have hurt others as well. So, I pray, God, that I know you're a compassionate, you're a loving God. I pray that you just envelope them, embrace them with your love, Father God, in such a way that they will turn to you, Father God, and come into repentance, God. That their hearts will just melt in humility, Father God, knowing that as they were hurt and they have hurt others as well.

So Lord, just embrace them with your love, oh Father God, and that your Holy Spirit is able to bring conviction in their hearts that will lead them into repentance. And we thank you for your love for them, Father. And Father God, as we were praying, I'm thinking about what all goes on between the Community Club of Fairfield Bay, the city council of Fairfield Bay, businesses, individuals, all the different drama. Nobody wants to talk about the drama, but everybody talks about the drama. It's funny, people will stir up all the drama, but when they're talking about solutions for the drama, it seems like that isn't the most popular thing talked about. And Lord, we believe the solution to the drama is for people to get healed, to be set free from the things that entangle them. We believe it's for individuals that are in leadership to walk in integrity, to walk in honesty, to be transparent when it's possible. We believe, Lord God, the solution is for godly leaders to be in positions of authority. We

believe, Lord, there needs to be a place where there has been wounds, there has been scars, there's been damage done by word spoken, by actions taken, by decisions that are made. And that, Father God, that somehow, someday, you would just bring humility within the leaders of Fairfield Bay. And that, Father God, there would be a desire by all to find ways to work together instead of against. And that you would raise up mediators, you'd raise up individuals that can work with these various entities and bring some healing into this community, Lord.

We know that, Father, there needs to be some repentance, there needs to be some change that goes on with actions that have been done, things that have been done. And so, Father, we just would pray that there'd be a spirit of repentance that would come upon this city, upon the community. And everything we're praying, Lord, applies to America, applies to so many cities in America, applies to our nation, that, Lord God, that the spirit of love would flow instead of the spirit of hatred and bitterness and resentment. That there would be a spirit of love that'd come over the community, and the community would be the most important thing. The citizens of the community would be the most important thing. That the same for America, that there would just be a change of heart that takes place.

Yes, Father God, and as you have commanded us, Lord, and you have said to pray, as Rich has prayed, to pray for all those in authority that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. So Lord, again, I present to you our leaders, not only in Fairfield Bay, but in other communities in our nation as well, Father God, that these leaders will make decisions, O Father God, based on godly principles, based on the principles found in the Bible, O Father God.

Well, Carmi, we need to wrap it up. The time has gone by, it's just passed us right up. This was just a sample of our ministry called *Standing in the Gap*, which is the intercessory prayer ministry of our larger ministry called *Creating Futures*. So you have an idea of what *Standing in the Gap* is all about.

We say that there's so many things to be done for the kingdom of God, not only in the community, in other communities, but in the nation as a whole, and we lack workers. We lack workers, and I say that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. So Father God, I ask you, the Lord of the harvest, to send us workers in the harvest field in Jesus' name, amen.

Yes, Lord, would you send us intercessors, would you send us individuals who have a heart to pray and join with us, unite with us in prayer.

And then last thing I would say is we would like to be able to take prayer out into the community, to be going into business and pray for business leaders, to be able to have times of worship out in the community, and just to take the gospel wherever.

Thank you for tuning in, we appreciate you listening to this broadcast.

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