

## **Standing In The Gap** ***The Incredible Difference We Can Make***

### **THE PASSAGE**

Exodus 33:1 – 34:27 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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#### ***The Incredible Difference We Can Make***

(1) No man is an **ISLAND**.

1 Corinthians 12:12 & 26-27 Romans 12:5

(2) Even my secret sins can **IMPACT** and **HARM** others.

Joshua 7:1-26 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 Exodus 20:4-5 & 34:7

(3) But better yet, my personal righteousness can **PROTECT**  
those I love and care for.

James 5:16 1 Peter 3:12 Proverbs 28:9

✓ My **Community**

Genesis 18:20-32 & Ezekiel 22:23-31

✓ My **Family**

Proverbs 14:26 1 Corinthians 7:12-16 & Genesis 19:29

✓ Those I **Lead**

Psalm 106:19-23

## Food for Thought for the week of June 5, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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**1.** We live in a very individualistic society in which many of us function as if we're independent from those around us. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul uses the human body as an analogy of how Christians are to relate to one another. As you read 1 Corinthians 12:14-31, what are some of the things that catch your attention in regards to how God wants us to function as part of his family?

Can you think of ways you've benefited from others playing their roles?

What are some examples of how the body of believers might be hindered when someone isn't willing to play their role?

**2.** In this weekend's teaching, Larry reminded us that our righteousness affects other people. The reality is that what we do or say will often affect and influence those around us just as it did in Moses' time. King Solomon is another example of someone who had great influence in his lifetime. What attitudes do you see reflected in Solomon's prayer in 1 Kings 3:7-10 that could help explain why he had such great influence?

**1 Kings 3:7-10** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>7</sup>“Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup>Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup>So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup>The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.

Why do you think those attitudes are important for having a positive influence?

**3.** Most of us have had to live with the consequences of other people's bad or sinful decisions. Their choice to use their influence negatively can have a major and often lasting impact on us. How could the following verses help you when you're facing this kind of situation?

**Romans 5:3-4** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4** *New International Version (NIV)*

*Praise to the God of All Comfort*

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.