

TRANSCRIPT

July 5th 2026 "The Call Of The Watchman"

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If you have your Bibles, if you could please turn to the book of Ezekiel. The book of Ezekiel. And what a blessing.

You know, Ezekiel is an amazing prophet. A lot of times the Lord had placed him in different times. He was on his side for a while.

One of the hardest things was his wife died. At this time, we're going to have the junior church released.

We're still waiting.

Ezekiel chapter 33.

If you could please turn to Ezekiel chapter 33.

We want to thank those who are watching by live stream or those who are watching by internet.

And what a blessing to know that our little church, our little congregation is being seen by so many in this country.

Again, turn to Ezekiel chapter 33.

And I'm going to begin in verse 1.

Ezekiel chapter 33.

The word of God says in verse 1.

Again, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

Son of man, speak to the children of thy people,
and say unto them,

When I bring the sword upon the land,
if the people of the land take a man of their coast,
and set him for their watchman,
if when he seeth the sword come upon the land,
he blow the trumpet,
and warn the people,
then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet,
and taketh not warning,
if the sword come and take him away,
his blood shall be upon his own head.

He heard the sound of the trumpet,

and took not warning,

his blood shall be upon him.

But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

But if the watchman see the sword come,

and blow not the trumpet,

and the people be not warned,

if the sword come and take any person from among them,

he is taken away in his iniquity.

But his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

So thou, O son of man,

I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel.
Therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth,
and warn them from me.
And when I say unto the wicked,
O wicked man,
thou shalt surely die,
if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way.
That the wicked man shall die in his iniquity.
But his blood will I require at thine hand.
Nevertheless,
if thou warn the wicked of his way,
to turn from it.
If he do not turn from his way,
he shall die in his iniquity.
But thou hast delivered thy soul.
Let's pray.
Father, we thank you.
We thank you for your word.
Father, help us to understand
the times that we're living in.
And our responsibility with the gospel message.
Father, I pray that you would speak to every heart.
That we would understand.
And most of all, Lord,
that we would have the courage
to speak the truth in love,
as it says in Ephesians chapter 4, verse 15.
That those would respond to that gospel message.
Father, help me as I preach your word.
Speak to every heart here and those who are watching.
And most of all, Lord,
may you get all the glory
as we see lives changed because of your word.
And it's in Jesus' name that I pray.
Amen.
Amen.
You could be seated at this time.
And what an amazing thing.
We see in Ezekiel,
the prophet Ezekiel,
for years Ezekiel had warned the exiles in Babylon
that Jerusalem would fall
because of Israel's constant rebellion.
And he was called by God to be a watchman.
But they did not believe him.
They assumed that God would never allow his city
or his temple to be destroyed.
But then it happened.
Imagine that.

People have won,
but nobody understands.
And I believe Israel,
even though Israel was taken into captivity by Babylon,
they still thought
that God would never let Jerusalem fall.
God would never let his temple be destroyed.
Yet it happened.
Now that that happened,
God now reaffirms Ezekiel's calling
as a watchman
because the people needed
a sober understanding of judgment,
but not only judgment,
but mercy.
And today as we look at this,
maybe we can even
glean some truth
in our own lives,
in our own times,
because God is still calling watchmen.
Amen.
Amen.
So the first thing
as we look at Ezekiel chapter 33,
the first thing we see
is the watchman is recommissioned.
And this is Ezekiel.
Look at verses 1 and 2 again.
It says,
Again,
the word of the Lord came unto me,
saying,
Son of man,
speak to the children of thy people,
and say unto them,
When I bring the sword upon the land,
if the people of the land
take a man of their coasts,
and set him for their watchmen.
So we see,
Ezekiel had already been
appointed as a watchman.
At the beginning of Ezekiel,
I believe it's Ezekiel chapter 3,
if we turn there,
turn back to Ezekiel chapter 3,
and we see where Ezekiel was first called by God.
Here we find in Ezekiel chapter 3,

beginning in verse 13,
it says here,
And it came to pass,
at the end of seven days,
that the word of the Lord came unto me,
saying,
Son of man,
I have made thee a watchman
unto the house of Israel.
Therefore,
hear the word at my mouth,
and give them warning from me.
So as we look back in history,
and we look back in time,
we see that most cities had walls
because of the dangers out there
from other nations that would come in
and pillage
and steal.
And most of the time,
the city would raise up a watchman
to stand on the wall
to keep a lookout.
And he would, what?
Be faithful.
And he would see evil coming.
He would see the enemy coming.
Far in the distant.
And he would blow a horn,
a trumpet,
and warn the people in the city
to prepare.
And this is what we see here.
Because of the fall of Jerusalem
had already occurred,
we see that the people needed now
to be sober,
understanding the times
that they're living in.
They had lost all hope.
Their temple had been destroyed.
And although Ezekiel
was God's watchman
from Ezekiel chapter 3,
they did not listen to him.
And because of the fall of Jerusalem
had occurred,
the people needed hope.
Amen?

And I believe,
I believe that the world needs hope.
And God had given us
the message of hope.
Amen?
So Ezekiel was not warning
of Babylon's invasion anymore,
but of God's ongoing moral
and spiritual judgment.
Because when you look back
at the couple of chapters,
we see that God was warning Israel
of her sin
and how judgment was coming.
But not only that,
God began to warn
all the nations
of what they were doing.
But today,
now we see
in Ezekiel's time
that this had already occurred.
Jerusalem had already fallen.
and the temple
had now been destroyed.
And the people were stunned.
But now,
he's being used to say,
hey,
now it's your moral understanding.
You are still sinners
in need
to turn from your sin.
Today,
we've been given
the responsibility
of wanting the people.
That's why God
had raised the church.
We come in the meeting house
and we fellowship
and we sing hymns
and we hear the word of God.
But God has called you and I
to be watchmen
in a similar way.
You and I are watchmen.
And in 2 Corinthians 5, verse 20,
the Bible says,

now then we are ambassadors
for Christ
as though we besieged
thee.
By you,
you by us.
We pray you
in Christ's stead
be ye reconciled to God.
So if you are saved today
and you've been called
into God's kingdom,
the kingdom of his son,
you've been translated,
you've been filled
with the Holy Spirit,
you have been called by God
to testify the message of the gospel.
That's not just for the pastor.
It's not just for the deacons
or any leader in the church.
It is for all of us
to be used by God
to bring the gospel message.
And it's a message of hope.
Amen?
So we see the watchman.
We see Ezekiel was recommissioned.
But secondly,
we see the watchman's duty.
Look again in Ezekiel chapter 33,
verses 3 through 6.
Here it says,
If when we see it,
the sword come upon the land,
he bloweth the trumpet
and warn the people.
Then whosoever heareth
the sound of the trumpet
and take not warning,
if that the sword come
and take him away,
his blood shall be upon his own head.
He heard the sound of the trumpet
and took not warning,
his blood shall be upon him.
But if he that taketh warning
shall deliver his soul.
And then it says here in verse 6,

But if the watchman see the sword come
and blow not the trumpet
and the people be not warned,
if the sword come
and take away the person from among them,
he is taken away in his iniquity,
but his blood will I require
at the watchman's hand.

So we see that every watchman
must see the danger.

And he must what?

Cultivate a spirit
of being alert
and watchfulness
and faithfulness.

Amen?

He needs to be vigilant.

But mainly he needs to warn.

And the watchman's warning
must be unmistakable.

It must be urgent
and faithful.

And he shouldn't fail the people.

And today,

I believe that the church is failing
because they're not speaking
of the warning of sin.

They're not speaking
of the hope of the gospel.

Amen?

We can stay silent
when we see injustice,
but we've been called
to stand for truth.

Amen?

I believe Jesus says,

I am the way and the what?

Truth.

Truth.

We need to be speaking truth.

Too many people
who are called
to warn people
are sleeping.

And I think it's
more like being complacent.

Too many watchmen today
are complacent
and just have an attitude

of go along
to get along.
And if you look at a watchman,
what's a watchman?
He's not only watching
the city,
but he's also there
to stand to protect
his family and friends.
Amen?
And can you imagine
a watchman
on a wall
seeing the enemy come,
but not blow the trumpet?
We see in Ezekiel
chapter 33,
verse 8,
says,
when I say unto the wicked,
O wicked man,
thou shalt surely die
if thou dost not speak
to warn the wicked
from his way,
that the wicked man
shall die
in his iniquity,
but his blood
will I require
at thine hand.
You know,
I remember,
I'm just going to quickly
give a little story.
I remember when I was
a correction officer.
I was at Old Colony
Correctional Institute
here in Massachusetts.
And that's when I got saved.
Back in 1997,
I was up in the tower.
And yes,
I was a watchman.
Can you believe that?
Up in the tower,
making sure that nobody
would climb the wall

and escape.
And I was different
when I wasn't saved.
And I won't get into all that.
But I got saved.
And the whole institution,
the whole correctional institution,
heard that I was saved
and I was changed.
And it was a vibration
that went through
because it totally
changed my life.
So now the administration
was wondering,
should we keep him
in the tower?
Will he do his job?
Will he shoot?
If an inmate tried to escape.
So they sent the captain up,
up in the tower.
And he came
and he wanted to ask me
some questions.
And one of the questions was,
B-Rod,
since you've got this
newfound faith,
we're worried that
if somebody hit the fence
that you would allow them
to go over,
you would stop them.
And I said,
what do you mean?
I'm here to do my job.
And they look,
well,
what about your faith?
And I said,
well,
I don't know
if you read the Bible,
but in Romans chapter 13,
God calls me
to stand against evil.
I'm an instrument
in his hand.

And I told him,
I said,
I said,
Captain,
what would happen
if I saw the inmate
hit that first fence
and then climb over
and not say anything?
And he escaped
and he ran through the woods
and he got to the road
and he stopped a lady
with her child
in the back seat
and he took the car.
And when he got
a certain distance away,
he killed the mother
and the child.
So whose blood
would that be on?
It would be on mine,
Captain,
because I believe
God put me in this tower
to make sure
if that ever happened
that I would be there
to stop evil
from escaping
and that he would
steady my hands
and it would be
in God's hand
whether he live
or die.
And the captain
looked at me
and says,
I have no further
questions for you.
And he left.
Well,
after that,
I stayed up in the tower
for another four years.
But can you imagine?
Can you imagine

being called
a watchman?
One that would look
and see
the enemy coming
and not say anything.
And I believe
the church
is the watchman.
Every one of us
who've been called
by the blood of Jesus,
every one of us
who by faith
received the Lord Jesus
as our Lord and Savior
is now
his ambassador.
And you know,
the watchman
shouldn't be afraid.
They shouldn't be afraid
of man.
But today
in Proverbs chapter 29
verse 25,
the Bible says,
the fear of man
bringeth a snare,
but whoso putteth
his trust in the Lord
shall be safe.
I believe today
with all the,
all that's going on
in the world
in this,
trying to keep
our mouths shut,
God's people
are afraid
to open their mouth
and speak of the truth
and warn people
of their need
for Jesus.
And I believe
the church
needs to wake up

can you imagine
a watchman
being distracted?
I believe
the church
is distracted
and we need
to get back
to what God's
called us to do
to be the ambassador
for Christ.
Amen?
It's critical
to people
that
the watchman
be on God
and not distracted.
And not distracted.
Especially today
as we're in the summer months,
this is the time
where people begin
to get distracted
with a lot of things
and they forget
that we've been called
to be watchmen,
to be ambassadors.
And you know,
it doesn't matter
where you're at.
Whether you're
in the market basket
or whether you're
at work
or in your neighborhood,
God has given us
the ability
to have so many people
around us
that need Jesus.
We just need
to wake up
and look through
our spiritual eyes
and recognize
how white

the harvest
is before us.
And my third point is,
warning
is the watchman's duty
and turning
is the hearer's responsibility.
Amen?
Look what it says
in Ezekiel chapter 33 again.
Look what it says
from verse 7.
And here we find
where Ezekiel
has been recommissioned.
Not with a judgment,
but with hope.
And we see that all
through the rest
of the book of Ezekiel
where there's a restoration.
There's a new temple coming.
But here we find
in Ezekiel chapter 33,
look what it says
in verse 7.
So thou,
O son of man,
I have set thee
a watchman
unto the house
of Israel.
Therefore,
thou shalt hear
the word at my mouth
and warn them
for me.
And when I say
unto the wicked,
O wicked man,
thou shalt surely die
if thou dost not speak
to warn the wicked
from his way.
that wicked man
shall die in his iniquity,
but his blood
will I require
at thy hand.

Verse 9 says,
Nevertheless,
if thou warn the wicked
in his way
to turn from it,
if he do not turn
from his way,
he shall die
in his iniquity,
but thou hast delivered
thy soul.

What God is saying
is,

God says,
I have set thee
as a watchman.
And this is a calling,
a divine calling.
It's not something
that we chose to do.

Amen.

If you're,
if you have trusted
in Jesus Christ,
and his spirit now
is in you,
and you've been forgiven
of all your sin,
God has called you
out of the world,
but now yet,
he's really,
he's really,
calling you
to go back
into the world
with the message
of the gospel.

Amen.

There's a lot of people
around us
that don't hear
the gospel message.
And this is a divine calling,
I believe.

And the message
was not Ezekiel's opinion,
but God's word.

Amen.

This is a,
this is a message
that comes from God.
And I like what Luke,
the Lord says
in Luke chapter 21,
verse 34,
says,
and take heed
to yourselves,
lest at any time
your hearts
be overcharged
with surfeiting
and drunkenness
and the cares
of this life,
and so that
they come upon you
unawares.
You know,
I believe we're living
in the last days.
I can't tell you when,
but just look around.
Just look around
and we see
the hopelessness.
We see the struggles
that people are having.
We see that evil
is now come out
of the closet,
come out of darkness.
Amen.
I always say
Satanism is mainstream now.
But yet we've been called
to stand for truth
against all those lies.
We've been called
to be light
when the darkness
is being overtaken.
I believe
the watchman
should be courageous
and faithful.
Amen.

You and I,
God's people,
should stand
and be faithful
and courageous
to give the message.
Look what it says back
in Ezekiel chapter 3.
Look what he says
to Ezekiel
when he commissioned him
the first time.
Ezekiel chapter 3.
Look what he says
in verse 10.
He says,
Moreover,
he said unto me,
Son of man,
all my words
that I shall speak
unto thee,
receive in thine heart
and hear
with thine ears.
What is God saying?
He's saying
that message
should change you,
should stir you up
with compassion
for the lost.
Because you are now saved,
you need to go out there
and tell others
that they too
could be saved
from the penalty
of their sin.
This is no longer
about us.
This is no longer
about our joy
and our happiness.
This is a call
for all of us
to recognize
the times
that we're living in

and begin
to be courageous
and faithful
to tell those
and can I say this?
In love.
In love.
Ephesians
chapter 4,
I believe it's
verse 15.
The Bible says
speak truth
in love.
We're supposed to go out
with God's love.
Yes,
there's a message
of judgment
but it's also
a message of hope.
and the watchman
must speak
and the hearers
must turn.
Both are accountable
to God's word.
God calls us
to tell others
not to keep it
to ourselves.
Remember what Jesus
said
about the light,
the candle.
God desires
repentance,
not destruction.
God sends
the watchman
because he longs
for his people
to turn
and live.
You realize
God is a loving God.
He's a merciful God
but yet
he's a judged God.

And because
he judges sin,
he took sin,
he took the penalty
of sin
out of the way
when the Lord Jesus
walked this earth,
died on that cross
and rose again.
And we must recognize
the fact
that the watchman
must open his mouth
and speak
and the hearer
also must turn
from his wicked way.
Today,
I don't know
if you've been called
as a watchman
or you will want
to hear the gospel message.
But God wants
each and every one
of us
to respond to him,
to his word.
In Ezekiel chapter 33,
verse 11,
the Bible says,
say unto them,
as I live,
saith the Lord God,
I have no pleasure
in the death
of the wicked,
but that the wicked
turn from his way
and live.
Turn ye,
turn ye
from your evil ways
for why will ye die,
O house of Israel?
You know,
so many times,
in my own life,

I tell people
and sometimes
you come to
a certain person
and they get
all defenseful
and they look
at you.
But it's not us.
It's God's word
that we must
give them.
Amen?
Amen?
And if they could
only understand
that we too
are sinners
without hope,
but now we found
hope in the message
of the gospel,
now we're telling them,
but it's up
to God
to use
the Holy Spirit
to convict them.
But it's our
responsibility
to tell them.
Amen?
Be not afraid.
Be courageous.
And speak
with compassion.
You know,
the greatest thing
is when you speak
to somebody
and they truly
know you care.
you can't
fake that
when you speak
to somebody.
I'm here
to tell you
that

if you don't
have that
compassion
for a lost
soul,
I pray
that you
would
meet with
God
in your
prayer closet
and that
you
would cry
out to him
for him
to touch
your heart,
that you
would see
the wicked
sinner
the way
he sees
it.
Because he
says in
verse 11,
he says,
I have no
pleasure
in the death
of the wicked.
You realize
that?
God is a
God of love.
He's a
God of mercy.
mercy.
But he's
called you
to go out
into this
world,
to go through
all the days
of your life,

whether you're
again in the
market basket,
wherever you
are,
even in your
own family,
and speak
truth and
love.

You know,
God's mercy,
God's message
to the world
today is the
gospel.

Well,
where's the
gospel?

Turn with me
to 1 Corinthians.

1 Corinthians
chapter 15.

And here's
the gospel.

1 Corinthians
chapter 15,
verse 1.

Here the
apostle Paul
gives a
clear
understanding
of the
gospel message
that's been
given to
the church,
that's been
given to
you and
I as the
watchmen,
the ambassadors
of Christ.

And he
says in
1 Corinthians
chapter 15,

verse 1,
he says,
Moreover,
brethren,
I declare
unto you
the gospel
which I
preached
unto you,
which also
ye have
received,
and wherein
you stand.
What is he
saying?
He's saying
their lives
were changed,
they were
forgiven because
they responded
to the gospel
message,
and they
now have
received it.
And then he
goes on in
verse 2,
he says,
By which
also ye
are saved,
if ye
keep in
memory what
I preached
unto you,
unless ye
have believed
in vain.
And then he
gives the gospel,
he says in
verse 3,
For I
deliver it

unto you
first of
all,
that which
I also
received,
how that
Christ died
for our
sins,
according to
the scriptures.
And that
he was
buried,
and that
he rose
again the
third day
according to
the scriptures.
What's he
saying?
He's saying
the message
that we're
sinners,
but Christ
died,
not for
his sin,
because he
was the
sinless
sacrifice.
It's you
and I
who are
sinners.
And the
love of
God sent
Christ to
die on
that cross
for you
and I
to pay
the penalty

we could
never pay.
And when
Jesus went
to the cross,
I love what
it says in
Hebrews chapter
12,
for the joy
that was set
before him.
Yes,
Jesus suffered.
He was nailed
to a cross.
He suffered.
He suffered.
He suffered.
Naked.
But yet he
went to that
cross with
joy knowing
that what he
would do,
as bad as
he would feel,
and as the
suffering he
had to experience
was for you
and I,
if we responded
to his love
and what he
did for the
cross,
we too can
be forgiven
because of
what he did.
The Bible
says for the
joy that
was set
before him.
He endured
all that he

did.

What a blessing,
amen?

That's the
gospel.

That's the
message.

The gospel is
the church's
trumpet call
of grace.

Do you realize
that?

As we give
the gospel,
it's like the
washman on the
tower saying,
judgment's coming,
but there's
peace and safety
in Christ.

I wish the
church would
wake up.

I wish the
church would
have the
compassion and
the broken
heart that the
father has for
the lost soul,
the wicked who
would not turn
because God
does not want to
see anyone perish.

turn with me to
2 Peter chapter
3.

2 Peter chapter
3.

Look what it
says here.

2 Peter chapter
3 in verse 9.

Here we find
Peter.

He's writing under
the inspiration of
the Holy Spirit.
He says in
verse 9,
The Lord is not
slack concerning
his promise,
as some men
count slackness,
but as long
suffering to us
would, not
willing that any
should perish,
but that all
should come in
repentance.
You know, God
is speaking.
Judgment is
coming, but yet
we can find
safety in the
gospel message.
And God
sends you and
I to a lost
and dying world
with this gospel
message because
he longs for
those people to
turn from their
wicked ways and
live because he's
a God of love.
And I don't
know where you
are.
I don't know if
you've ever
responded to the
gospel message,
but I know you
have to understand
that you're a
sinner and
judgment is upon

you.

And all God
is saying,
would you
believe?

Would you
believe?

Not what you
can do, but
would you
believe that
I sent my
son, God
the son, to
walk as a
man and
then die on
a cross.

And I did it
because I loved
you.

Isn't that what
John 3, 16
said?

For God so
loved the world
that he sent
his only
begotten son,
that whosoever
believeth on
him shall not
perish, but
have everlasting
life.

What a
blessing.

What a
blessing to
know that
the God that
created us is
the God that
loves us, is
the God that
will judge us,
but it's also
the God of
mercy who

sent his
son to die
in our
place.
And I
don't know
where you
are today,
whether God's
called you to
be an
ambassador because
you've trusted
Christ, or
that you're
one to be
warned about
the penalty
of your sin.
listen, we
can't do
anything.
God says
trust him,
believe and
respond and
repent.
What a
blessing.
We need
more of the
church to be
watchmen.
Amen.
We need to
love the way
God loves.
We need to
have compassion
for the lost,
for the wicked
like God
has.
And if a
church would
put aside
their differences
and truly
cry out to

God to
have the
compassion of
God for lost
souls, we
could change a
whole city, a
town, a
state.

We could be
used by God
to bring so
many into the
kingdom.

Amen.

Why don't we
stand?

Let's pray.

Father, I
thank you.

I thank you
for the
message.

As we
look back
in Ezekiel,
he cried
to his
people.
judgment was
coming.

Jerusalem
would fall.

The temple
would be
destroyed.

And just
as he
prophesied it,
it happened.

And the
people were
without hope.

But yet,
God reaffirmed
Ezekiel with
a message of
hope.
hope.

Yes, there's
judgment.
But there's
also hope.
Father, I
pray that we
would recognize
that we have a
message of
judgment, but
we also have a
message of
hope.
Father, what
this world
needs is hope.
Not hope in
money, not hope
in government,
but hope
in Jesus.
Lord, help
us as
ambassadors.
Help the
church to
wake up and
recognize its
responsibility to
speak truth and
love.
Father, I
thank you.
May you get
all the glory
for it.
May you touch
someone's heart.
And may they
begin with
boldness to
tell others
about Jesus.
And may we
see lives
changed because
of it.
And this I
pray in

Jesus'
precious name.
Amen.