

## Watchman Need Watchmen

*“Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, **“The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally us there. Our God will fight for us.”** (Nehemiah 4:17-20)*

**First, WHY?** Why does an individual Watchman need a community of other Watchmen? Easy. Only another Watchman understands a Watchman’s calling.

You cannot do this alone. You *MUST* not do this alone. Lone Watchmen are not lone rangers, they are lone targets. We are separated on the wall but separated does not mean isolated. If the enemy can keep Watchmen isolated, he can eventually make them ineffective.

**Watchmen walk a Wall.** My wall is not the same as yours, yet we are connected because of our walls. Our walls vary in many ways, and yet in others, they are the same. Very few of us can literally see other Watchmen from our wall, but we can still be connected. Our faith, our King, our calling, our burden—all connect us.

**The Watchman’s Wall is our shared calling.** Christians share a common goal. When Jesus said, *“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.”* (Mark. 16:15), He was not making an offer, He was issuing marching orders. There is a reason we call it the Great Commission, not the Great Suggestion. Watchmen also share a common commission – *“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression...”* (Isaiah 58:1)

**The Wall is our vantage point.** We see the city, the country, the individuals, and the masses. We have an essential function from a perspective unfamiliar to most. Many can see and hear, but without the Watchman, they may hear and see too late. The wall provides a panorama only seen from one place – above. People can see from ground-level, but not as far, and not as clear.

**Walls are the last line of defense.** Watchmen are the first. The Wall is only one part of our city’s safety. Watchmen prepare the city, not with weapons, with warnings. Prepared Christians know *how* to “get ready” for the Lord’s return. The unsaved must be warned they’re *not* ready. How will Watchmen accomplish this monumental task?

- One: Memorize the Word – you must be ready to draw your Sword without looking. Roman’s Road, 4 Spiritual Laws, A-B-C’s of salvation—pick one and know it by heart.

Someone's heart depends on it.

- Two: Speak the Word – God promises His Word has impact (Isa. 55:11). Quote the Word. Be sensitive to the hearers. Although beloved by many, the Shakespearean English of the KJV is not for everyone. Millennials may better understand a warning from the NIV. Relevant equals reputable.
- Three: Defend the Word. The Bible is absolute truth. Trusted. Unassailable. Always under attack. *“Be ready to answer anyone who asks what you believe and why you believe it...”* (1 Peter 3:15)

**The Wall is a meeting place.** Updates are shared at shift change. Watchmen communicate at the Wall. That connection Wall-To-Wall keeps the Word alive and the goals in focus. Watchmen report at the wall, not in the coffee shop. There is nothing wrong with coffee shops, malls, or parking lots, but something exists on the Wall that exists no other place. Meet there.

**The Wall marks the boundaries of our walk, not our reach.** Each of us has our territory. We watch different cities, and countries, and continents, but we all serve the same King. We meet at the Wall, not because we all walk the same place, but because we all walk for the same reason. Connect, pray together, weep together, rejoice together. Mentor young Watchmen.

**The Wall gives us access to the King.** Kings in the Old Testament could walk out of the palace right onto the city wall. The Bible records conversations directly between the kings and Watchman (2 Sam. 18; 2 Kings 9; 2 Kings 18). Watchmen had access to the king then, we have access to the King now. We can meet at the Wall, with the King Himself. We have access at the Wall.

**The Wall is reserved for warriors and Watchmen.** Children didn't play on the wall. People didn't walk their dogs up there. A Watchman's wall is an almost sacred sanctuary. Every Watchman treated it that way, as do we. It is both an honor and a solemn responsibility to stand on the Wall. Watchmen belong there.

**The Wall is safe and stable.** City walls are durable, reliable structures. You come to the Wall for hope, life, encouragement, sometimes ammunition. If your feet rest on steady, solid footing, you have confidence. Watchmen stand on the Rock Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 10:4).

**How do I find other Watchmen?** Several ways: begin with prayer, “Lord I need to connect with other Watchmen. Open my eyes and ears to find them.” Next, carefully explore other places Watchmen are likely to be found: underground small group settings, underground churches, and online (while they can be found). Remember that if the Rapture has occurred, that you will face much danger as the World System and the unveiling of the Antichrist bring unparalleled death and destruction to the planet. Be cautious but try to learn. Share what you know with others.