

ON YOUR WALLS, O JERUSALEM,  
**I HAVE SET WATCHMEN;**  
ALL THE DAY & ALL THE NIGHT.

ISAIAH 62:6 [ESV]

## WATCHMAN ON THE WALL

### “Here Am I...Send Me”

Dear Watchman,

God does not demand a perfect vessel, but He does demand a clean one. When Isaiah was confronted with the holiness of God, he realized his own uncleanness, and promptly acknowledged his own sin and the sin of the community in which he lived. Upon his confession, God cleansed him.

After the cleansing, came the calling: *“I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’* (Isaiah 6:8a).

Promptly following the call, came the commitment. *“Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’* (Isaiah 6:8b) Isaiah did not hesitate, nor equivocate; he stepped right up to the front and said, “Here am I! Send me.”

He didn't say what most people say when they hear the call of God. They say, “Here am I! Send him.” He did not say, “Here am I! Send the pastor.” He did not say, “Here am I! Send the deacon.” He did not say, “Here am I! Send somebody else.” He said, “Here am I! Send me.”

One of the greatest sins I believe Christians commit is answering a question from God with another question. When God asks the question “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Isaiah did not say, “Well, that all depends on where you want me to go?” He did not say, “Well, that all depends on what you want me to do?” Isaiah signed a contract before it was even typed.

Pay careful attention to exactly what Isaiah said. He said, “Here am I!” There is a crucial difference between saying, “Here am I!” and saying “Here I am!” Had he simply said, “Here I am!” that would have just indicated his location. But he was not interested in just giving God his location, he was interested in finding his vocation, so he said, “Here am I!” What he was saying to God was, “Look no further, send me.”

He had no idea where he would go. He had no idea what he would do. He had no idea when he would leave. He had no idea why it would work. He just simply said, “Wherever you lead, I'll go; whatever you ask, I'll do; whatever you want, I'll give.” You will never have that kind of attitude until you truly catch a glimpse of a holy God high and lifted up.

You've heard it said, “your greatest ability is availability.” I not only agree with that, I would add that ability, without availability, is liability. God can do anything with anyone at any time in any place if they will just say, “Here am I! Send me.”

I challenge you to begin your Watchman hour each week with: “Here am I! Send Me.”

Charles Spurgeon once said in his autobiography: “Too many think lightly of sin, and therefore think lightly of the Savior. He who has stood before his God, convicted and condemned with the rope about his neck, is the man to weep for joy when he is pardoned, to hate the evil which has been forgiven him and to live to the honor of the Redeemer by whose blood he has been cleansed.”

When you know God in all of His holiness, you will see yourself in all of your sinfulness. You will not stop until you receive His forgiveness, and then you will give the rest of your life to His usefulness.

God is opening the door for Mobberly to extend our gospel reach in several ways. I invite you to pray about each ("Here am I, Send Me"). Numerous volunteers are urgently needed in each of these:

- A potential new Prison campus in the Billy Moore Unit in Henderson.
- Mission trips in 2020 serving alongside our church planters and missionary partners.
- Children and Youth ministries



**NOTE**

**A special 21-day prayer guide for the GO Missions week is available online at <https://mobberly.org/goprav/>. Each day you'll have the opportunity to pray for specific ministry partners, church planters, and missionaries. Please begin this journey on Monday, Nov. 11. Thanks for praying!**

**Praise:** Praising God for who He is and for what He is doing.

- God is holy (separate, set apart, sacred, blameless)
  - **Psalm 99:5 (CSB):** *"Exalt the Lord our God; bow in worship at his footstool. He is holy."*
  - **Isaiah 48:17 (CSB):** *"This is what the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says: I am the Lord your God, who teaches you for your benefit, who leads you in the way you should go."*
  - **Revelation 15:4 (CSB):** *"Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All the nations will come and worship before you because your righteous acts have been revealed."*

**Praise the Lord:**

- For providing great volunteers and a great experience for Marshall's October Reward Party for Travis Elementary Students.
- For six new Sunday volunteers for Marshall's Children's Ministry who began the screening process in October.
- That over the last month God has blessed Marshall's Student Ministry with three more volunteers and has answered our call for more female volunteers for our Student Ministry.
- Praise the Lord that so many Marshall students are moving from L1 (Leading Self) to L2 (Leading Others) and the leadership essentials that God has produced within them.
- For the addition of Worship team members on the Marshall campus.
- For guests visiting Connect Groups on the Marshall campus.
- For momentum in Women's Ministry on the Marshall campus.
- For seven upcoming baptisms on the Marshall campus in November!
- For a great Mobberly staff team that serves faithfully and works hard for the mission and purpose of our church.
- For a great Baby Blessing in our Mobberly en Español ministry. It was a sweet time for the congregation and families that were able to participate.
- For several new Choir members who have come in just the last few weeks. This is a direct answer to our specific prayers.
- For the wonderful work happening in the Bay Area (San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Oakland). Our three church partners in this area (Current SV, EDEN and Storyline Oakland) are pressing forward against the enemy on the front lines doing battle for the Kingdom of God!
- For new church planting partners. God is on the move and Mobberly has joined Him in his work as we plant churches across the western United States.
- For the doors God continues to open for ministry at Mobberly!
- For the 350 people who attended our movie showing of *"I Can Only Imagine"*. The gospel was clearly shared and God blessed our event.

- For reaching our goal of 10,000 engaged households before our celebration Sunday, Nov. 3. We are now at 10, 064 gospel conversations and we are pressing on.
- Hope Road Counseling (HRC) has been in existence for one year and has seen God's hand of blessing in many areas:
  - Counselors walking with individuals, couples and families in over 3,300 sessions as they faced challenges, hurts and heartaches and life changes.
  - Nine partner churches have linked arms with Mobberly and Hope Road to facilitate biblically-based, hope-filled counseling for their members.
  - Community connections continue to grow and develop in the medical community, local colleges and universities and other organizations.
  - HRC Counselors have been able to minister outside of East Texas regionally and nationally through speaking and counseling opportunities.
  - Financial needs have been met through the generous support of Mobberly, individual gifts and partner church agreements.
- Couples have completed the Fall Merge Pre-marital Course and are entering marriage with basic tools and principles to begin their marriage on a healthy foundation.
- 100+ people in our community are finding connection and hope through GriefShare, DivorceCare, Adoptive Moms, Calming Chaos (foster families) and Celebrate Recovery groups each Monday night.
- Thrive! leadership recently attended the American Association of Christian Counselors conference and located resources for emerging areas of support.
- For the powerful and insightful teaching in our Children's Ministry first through fourth grade and for leaders who are sensitive and loving.
- For our committed Children's Ministry leaders. Thank God for those who have chosen to lead our kids on Sunday's and Wednesday's.
- For the amazing resources the Children's Ministry has to share God's love and truth with our kids each week. Our buildings, our supplies and our equipment are so beautiful.
- For the Youth Ministry's amazing team of adult volunteers. We know God will not forget their work and the love they show for His name.
- Over 100 high school students are currently in discipleship groups.
- For our newest Youth Apprentice, Ashley Upchurch. Please lift her up in prayer as she serves God and seeks to become more equipped for ministry.
- College students having been engaging unchurched students on their campuses.
- For an incredible United Worship Night on the Marshall campus October 27.
- He continues to bring young families to our campus.
- For a successful Alzheimer's conference held in conjunction with the East Texas Alzheimer's Alliance that brought professional and family caregivers from across the community to Mobberly.
- For how women in our church continue to reach out and engage women in our community through meeting felt needs that pave the way for the gospel to be shared.
- For conversations and potential women leaders who are able and willing to exercise their gifts for the local church.
- He has moved in Mobberly's Tuesday morning Family Services Ministry team to lead seven people to place their trust in Jesus since our last Watchman report...people leading people! Pray for these new believers as they grow in Christ: Edna, Ronny, Skylar, Roneshia, Corina, Richard and Allyson.

**Repent:** Of sins committed and commands neglected.

Our ongoing sins disturb our fellowship with our heavenly Father. This is why we need to repent of our sins and confess them to God. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:9, CSB)

As you pray, take time to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal your sins. Think through various areas of your life: sins of thought, sins of attitude, sins of omission, sins of commission, sins of self-rule, sins of self-reliance or sins of

relationships. Ask God for the grace to repent and to restore your fellowship and then thank God your sins have already been paid for by Christ. Rest in His unfailing love.

**Ask:** When our hearts are God-oriented in praise, and purified through repentance, then we are ready to “Ask.” God encourages us to come boldly to Him and ask. *“Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.”* (Hebrews 4:16, CSB)

**Ask God:**

- For salvation for A.S. in Marshall.
- To work in M.S. in Marshall, who has expressed a desire to return to the Lord and wants to talk about how to do that. Pray for her to keep her appointment to talk about this.
- For an awareness of opportunities to share Christ with those God places in our path in Marshall.
- For the Marshall Children’s Ministry’s November party with Travis Elementary students, currently scheduled for Nov. 21. Pray for volunteers, as well as opportunities to share with students and families following the party.
- For five additional Marshall Children’s Ministry Wednesday leaders so we can open up 2-3 more classes.
- To continue to grow Marshall’s Student Ministry and that He would open more doors for our students to invite their friends and share the love of Jesus with them with courage and boldness for the gospel.
- To provide new Connect Group leaders for a Young Adult and Women’s Group on our Marshall campus.
- To raise up a new leader for the Davis Wednesday night Connect Group in Marshall so as to multiply.
- To provide Mobberly en Español leadership. We continue seeking God’s guidance and direction. Pray for Rueben Villanueva as he preaches during this interim time. Pray for our other leadership (lay and staff) that help to lead during this time as well.
- To bless and encourage Stacey and Lisa Ford, Church Planting Apprentices, as they serve and grow with us for the next several months. They have several big transitions ahead of them. They are preparing to plant a new gospel church in Phoenix in January 2020. Mobberly is their sending church and our partnership will be a great blessing.
- To encourage the many new staff members that have come in this last year and that they continue finding fulfillment and enjoyment in the roles in which they serve.
- To prepare the student worship choir as they prepare to sing and serve at Harvest Outreach on Nov. 16.
- To guide the planning of the Community Dinner before *Sounds of the Season* on Dec. 15. Pray that God will draw the exact people who need to be here that night to hear the gospel.
- To lead our Worship staff as we continue to make plans and prepare for *Sounds of the Season* in December. We are praying now that we will present a clear message of the gospel and that lives will be changed.
- To bless this great opportunity for prison ministry in the Billy Moore Unit in Henderson. God is opening wide the door for gospel advancement behind the walls to reach those who need this great hope.
- To encourage the Rowland family in Vancouver as they prepare to plant a church in Metro-Vancouver in 2020. They are planning to boldly push back against the darkness and proclaim the light of Christ.
- To bless the Mobberly GO Missions Month in November. For three weeks, Mobberly will highlight the great gospel missions that are taking place locally (Jerusalem), nationally (Judea and Samaria) and globally (the ends of the Earth).
- To guide continued gospel conversations with those in our families and those in our community to help them know the way to heaven.
- To encourage those who have accepted Christ to take their next step of obedience to follow the Lord in baptism.
- For wisdom to respond to a growing occurrence of suicide attempts in East Texas, especially among those ages 10-25. Pray for Hope Road as we work with local hospitals, schools, mental health providers and churches to provide awareness and pathways of help and hope to those who are struggling with hopelessness and suicidal thoughts.
- To use the Hope Road team as they provide support and counsel for many who are struggling with depression and anxiety now and through the upcoming holiday season.
- To use the upcoming *Merge: Premarital Courses* to equip those who are seriously dating or engaged for a healthy beginning and growth in marriage as God designed and intended.

- To provide and bless leaders and participants to begin *Re|engage*, a course to enrich and restore marriages in 2020.
- To provide and use leaders who will launch and facilitate additional *Foundation Newlywed Groups* in 2020 for newlywed couples, married 1-3 years, to build strong foundations spiritually, relationally and financially in the context of a healthy community group.
- That those struggling with losses will find peace and comfort through this holiday season.
- That those feeling marginalized will encounter and embrace the love of Jesus and the hope that only He can provide.
- That the foster families in our community will find strength in their ministry encouragement on their path and will be surrounded by a circle of care to meet the needs of their families
- That the Lord will protect the hearts and minds of our Thrive! support group leaders and provide strength and encouragement in their ministry.
- To guide the 2020 Marriage Event planning committee and development team.
- To provide and use Spring Thrive! for Kids and Thrive! for Students volunteers – that the Lord will guide their steps and prepare their hearts for the journey.
- To help carry the burdens and responsibilities carried by many of our Children’s Ministry leaders.
- To provide health for our Children’s Ministry leaders and families during the cold and flu season, asking that they would remain healthy and strong.
- To provide for the spiritual growth of our kids that as they hear and experience God’s Word they would apply it to their everyday lives.
- To help our families remain strong in their commitment to coming to church and growing and worshipping together.
- To encourage the 16 students who made a profession of faith at Elevation in October. Ask God to send them friends that will be an encouragement to them. Pray that they would grow in their faith.
- To provide more volunteers at Elevation on Wednesday nights. Ask God to send adults who have a heart for students.
- To provide adult leaders to help minister to college students on the Panola Junior College Campus.
- To help us continue to reach Young Singles in our area for Christ.
- To strengthen marriages in our church body.
- For additional CareFriends that will reach out to Mobberly’s homebound members on an ongoing basis by providing prayer, support and encouragement.
- For additional leaders to serve as Bible study leaders along with people that will lead and accompany music at various Senior Living Community Bible studies led by Mobberly.
- To lead in planning for the Dec. 2 Women’s Ministry “Better Together...When Our Focus is on the Savior” holiday gathering. Pray for the planning team working to make this a pause for reflection on our Savior before the holiday season takes off.
- To provide continued leadership development in our ministry to women here on campus and out in our community. Ask that women would be ready and willing to say, “Here am I, send me,” when God calls for them.

**Yield:** to what God says to me. Yield my will to the will of God. Yield my agenda to the plan God has for my life. We must be willing to yield our desires and our thoughts to God’s sovereign wisdom. As Jesus faced the cross, He prayed in Matthew 26:39 (CSB) *“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.”* We must pray with that same spirit, humbly yielding our will to God’s will. To close our prayer by “yielding” to God is a way where we submit our desires to Him. In the end, it is our way of acknowledging His will which is what will truly satisfy us anyway. God’s will and plan is better than ours. He knows the end from the beginning and He loves us more than we can ever imagine.

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Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!””*

*Isaiah 6:8 (NASB)*

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