

Will You Be The One?

(Ezekiel 22:30)

- Introduction:
1. Don't ever discount the difference one person can make.
 2. Countless stories could be used to demonstrate the importance of one.
 3. "For the want of a nail the shoe was lost; For the want of a shoe the horse was lost; For the want of a horse the battle was lost; For the failure of battle the kingdom was lost;— And all for the want of a horseshoe nail."
 4. This lesson is intended to remind you of the difference you can make with your life and challenge you to step up and make a difference.

I. Biblical Examples

- A. (Genesis 18:23-33).
 1. Abraham intercedes on behalf of Sodom.
 2. Abraham bargained with God, asking him to relent if he could find just 50...45...40...30...20...10 righteous souls.
 3. Note that God would have granted Abraham's petition.
- B. (Psalm 106:19-23).
 1. God was going to destroy Israel for their idolatry with the golden calf.
 2. However, Moses interceded, and God relented.
 3. But, were it not for Moses, they all would have been destroyed.
- C. (Jeremiah 5:1).
 1. Prior to God's discipline of the nation of Judah, he challenged the people to find just one righteous man, and he would pardon them.
 2. None could be found.
- D. (Ezekiel 22:30).
 1. Similar context as Jeremiah.
 2. God's people were wicked, and God sought for a man to stand in the gap that he would not destroy them, but none was to be found.

II. Your Story

- A. God still needs men and women.
 1. To stand in the gap.
 2. To break the cycle of unrighteousness.
 3. To begin a cycle of righteousness.
- B. Will you be that person?
- C. Or will the battle be lost for want of a nail?

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, step up!
 2. Take a stand of faithfulness like you've never taken before.
 3. Who knows what a difference that will make in the workings of God.