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Watchmen don't just watch

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Ezekiel ...

a watchman

Ezekiel 3:17

‘Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.



Jerusalem ...

a watchman

Ezekiel 5:5

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: This is Jerusalem, which I have set in the center of the nations, with countries all around her.



Watchmen ...

i. believe there is a judgment

Ezekiel 33:2

‘Son of man, speak to your people and say to them: “When I bring the sword against a land, ...



Watchmen ...

ii. see that it's imminent

Ezekiel 33:3

and he sees the sword coming against the land

...



Watchmen ...

ii. see that it's imminent

John 3:18

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son....



Watchmen ...

ii. see that it's imminent

Matthew 3:10

The axe has been laid to the root of the trees,
and every tree that does not produce good fruit
will be cut down and thrown into the fire.



Watchmen ...

iii. blow their trumpet

Ezekiel 33:3

and he sees the sword coming against the land
and blows the trumpet to warn the people,



Watchmen ...

iv. know who *their people* are

Ezekiel 33:3

and he sees the sword coming against the land
and blows the trumpet to warn the people,



Watchmen ...

v. know their responsibility

Ezekiel 33:6

But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone's life, that person's life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood."



Watchmen ...

vi. know they must speak out !

Ezekiel 33:7-8

... I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say ... and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood.



Watchmen ...

vi. know they must speak out !

Acts 4:29

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.



Watchmen ...

vii. know how much God longs to save

Ezekiel 33:11

Say to them, “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?”



Watchmen ...

viii. start where they are

Ezekiel 33:12

‘Therefore, son of man, say to your people, “If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person’s former righteousness will count for nothing.



