

Silent Witness to Mistrust

Description

[RG AUDIO 061812](#) Genesis 31:43-55

Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall" pictures neighbors repairing a stone wall between their fields. Frost's character wonders why the wall, which requires constant maintenance, is even necessary. The neighbor replies, "Good fences make good neighbors."

Mizpah, another heap of stones, marked an agreement between two men who could never trust each other—Jacob and Laban. Both were shrewd scoundrels who could stretch the truth like salt water taffy. They had "history," and most of it was not good. Mizpah witnessed their covenant that neither would cross to the other's side.

Every fence, every wall, every lock, every contract, every law, every nation's army is a testimony to our fallen nature. Since we cannot find security in ourselves, we seek to guarantee it by force or law.

Jesus Christ has given us a "ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18). In Jesus, every barrier will one day be torn away.

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