

It'll Be Worth The Wait
Habakkuk Pt. 2

Small Group Questions:

1. Describe a time that the wait was worth it?
 2. Have you ever been in a season of waiting? What was/is that like for you?
 3. Read Habakkuk 2. What do we learn about waiting and justice from this text?
 4. Read 2 Peter 3:8-9. Why is God patient with us?
 5. Read Psalm 30. How does this change your waiting?
 6. How have you seen God work on you while you wait on Him?
 7. Are you excited for eternity with God? Why or why not?
 8. Bonus question: Waiting well comes from giving up our assumed omnipotence and omniscience. Can you put this in your words?
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QUESTION: Do you hate to wait?

A time of waiting is not a **WASTE** of time.

God, I can't wait.

WAITING WELL comes from giving up our assumed omnipotence.

Habakkuk 2:1 *I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.*

Habakkuk 2:2-3 *Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. 3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. **Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.***

Habakkuk 2:4-8 *"See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—5 indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest. Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples. 6 "Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, "'Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?' 7 Will not your creditors suddenly arise? Will they not wake up and make you tremble? Then you will become their prey. 8 Because you have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder you. For you have shed human blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. 9 "Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain, setting his nest on high to escape the clutches of ruin! 10 You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life. 11The stones of the wall will cry out,*

and the beams of the woodwork will echo it. **12** “Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by injustice! **13** Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the people’s labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? **14** For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. **15** “Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies! **16** You will be filled with shame instead of glory. Now it is your turn! Drink and let your nakedness be exposed! The cup from the LORD’s right hand is coming around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory. **17** The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and your destruction of animals will terrify you. For you have shed human blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. **18** “Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman? Or an image that teaches lies? For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak. **19** Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’ Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’ Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it.”

Justice is coming:

The arrogant and greedy will be taunted.

The thieves will be plundered.

The unjust builders will be ruined.

The abusers will be avenged.

The idolatrous will be abandoned by their gods.

Romans 3:10-11 As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; **11** there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.

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Jesus died as a **DISGRACE** in our place.

Habakkuk 2:20 *The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.*

2 Peter 3:8-9 *But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. **9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

How To Wait On God:

Wait with **PERSPECTIVE**.

Wait with **PATIENCE**.

Wait with **PURPOSE**.

KEY TRUTH: God is working ON us as we wait ON Him.

Psalm 30:5,11 ...weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning ...11 You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

BOTTOM LINE: It'll be WORTH the wait.

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