
Light In The Waiting: Faith While You Wait

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Psalm 130:5-6, 62:5; John 1:4; Habakkuk 1:1-11, 2:1-4

Waiting Is Not Wasted When God Is The One You're Waiting On

I. When _____ feels unbearable

- A. We live in a fast-paced, impatient culture
- B. The days are long, but the years are short
- C. Waiting isn't attractive
 - 1. The world avoids waiting
 - 2. Waiting can be perceived as weakness
 - 3. We want to skip the development process
 - 4. Many situations cannot be rushed
- D. Waiting can feel like an incredible burden
 - 1. Waiting can be expected
 - 2. Waiting can be unexpected
 - 3. Waiting can be oppressive

II. When God is silent, life gets _____ fast

- A. Some are weary
- B. Some are tired of waiting
- C. Some are barely holding life together
- D. Some feel crushed by the weight of the world
- E. Some have become hopeless

**III. Habakkuk knows the _____ of waiting
(Habakkuk 1:1-4)**

- A. Experienced doubt
- B. Appalled by cultural decay

- C. Doesn't fake his faith or hide his frustration
- D. Approached God honestly
- E. Had real questions

IV. The real questions we're _____ to say out loud

- A. "What am I supposed to do when nothing is changing?"
- B. "How long am I expected to hold on?"
- C. "Why is God so silent?"
- D. God isn't intimidated by your honesty, He invites it

**V. _____ is working in ways we cannot see
(Habakkuk 1:5-11)**

- A. God's timing & methods surpass human understanding
- B. God is working even when He is silent
- C. God often answers in unexpected ways
- D. God's discipline is redemptive, not destructive
- E. God will judge all evil

VI. Faith is not _____, it is postured (Habakkuk 2:1-4)

- A. He stands and watches
 - 1. Takes the watchtower posture
 - 2. "I will stand, I will watch"
 - 3. Not denial
 - 4. Not avoidance
- B. Faith trusts God when His work is mysterious
 - 1. The righteous live by faith
 - 2. Faith is not getting what you want
 - 3. Faith is proven in the process, not the outcome
 - 4. Faith lives before it sees
 - 5. Faith trusts before it understands

VII. How we wait () matters

A. Faith is

1. Not by sight
2. Not by comfort
3. Not by understanding
4. Trusting God governs nations
5. Trusting God governs hearts
6. Trusting God is sovereign

B. Faith produces

1. Patience in waiting
2. Peace in waiting
3. Eagerness for His perfection
4. Expectation of His presence

VIII. Wait with , not numbness

A. How to wait for God with faith & hope

1. Confess God's character
2. Name what you're waiting for
3. Pray honestly, not politely
4. Take the watchtower posture
5. Listen to learn

**"If You're In The Waiting, You're Not Forgotten -
You're Being Formed"**

**"Waiting Is Not Wasted When God Is The One
You're Waiting On"**

Diving Deeper

1. **What part of your life feels like you're waiting in silence right now?** Be honest. Name the space where God feels slow, quiet, or absent.
2. **How do you normally respond when God doesn't move at the speed you want?** Do you rush ahead, shut down, get frustrated, numb out, or cling closer?
3. **Where have you mistaken God's silence for God's absence?** What assumptions do you make about God's character when the evidence feels thin?
4. **What would it look like for you to take a "watchtower posture" this week?** In your situation, what does it mean to stand, wait, watch, & trust?
5. **Where have you seen God work in unexpected ways in the past?** How might remembering His previous faithfulness strengthen your hope today?
6. **What trust about God's character do you need to anchor yourself to in this season?** Which aspect of who God is - sovereign, good, faithful, just, or present - gives you strength?
7. **What would it change if you believed that waiting is not wasted?** How might your perspective shift if you embraced the truth that waiting is a place of formation, not abandonment?