

PULPIT COMPANION

**WHILE I
WAIT, I WILL
WORSHIP**

HABBAKUK 1:11

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In this powerful message, we're taken on a journey through the book of Habakkuk, exploring how to maintain faith in turbulent times.

The prophet's raw, honest dialogue with God reminds us that it's okay to wrestle with our doubts and questions. Habakkuk's complaint about injustice and God's silence resonates deeply with our modern world. Yet, we're challenged to climb our own 'watchtower' - to position ourselves to hear from God, even when His answers shock us. The lesson here is clear: our faith isn't about having all the answers, but about trusting God's sovereignty even when we don't understand.

This message encourages us to lament, to wait actively, and to worship in the midst of barrenness. It's a call to remember God's faithfulness in the past, especially through Christ's work on the cross, as we face our own 'Babylonian moments.' Ultimately, we're inspired to transform our 'why' into 'yet' - choosing to rejoice in God's strength despite our circumstances.

SCRIPTURES FROM PULPIT AI

- Habakkuk 1:1-4 (The prophet's complaint)
- Habakkuk 1:5-6 (God's response)
- Habakkuk 1:12-17 (Habakkuk's second complaint)
- Habakkuk 2:1 (Habakkuk waiting for God's answer)
- Habakkuk 2:2-3 (God's response to write the vision)
- Habakkuk 3:17-18 (Habakkuk's declaration of faith despite circumstances)
- Habakkuk 3:19 (The Lord as strength and sure-footedness)





DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: Crying Out to God in Times of Trouble

Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, Psalm 13:1-6

Devotional: In times of distress, it's natural to feel that God is silent or distant. Habakkuk's raw, honest prayer reminds us that God welcomes our unfiltered emotions.

Today, reflect on areas in your life where you feel God's silence. Like Habakkuk, bring your complaints before God, trusting that He hears you. Remember, lamenting is not a lack of faith, but an act of deep trust. How can you express your concerns to God while still affirming your faith in His sovereignty?

Day 2: God's Unexpected Answers

Reading: Habakkuk 1:5-11, Isaiah 55:8-9

Devotional: God's response to Habakkuk was shocking and unexpected. Often, God's answers to our prayers come in ways we don't anticipate or even desire. Consider a time when God answered your prayer in an unexpected way. How did it challenge your faith? How did it ultimately work for your good?

Today, pray for openness to God's methods, even when they don't align with your expectations. Trust that His ways are higher than ours.

Day 3: Waiting and Watching for God's Response

Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-3, Psalm 27:13-14

Devotional: Habakkuk's decision to "stand at my watchpost" is a powerful image of active waiting. In our instant-gratification culture, waiting can feel like wasted time. But spiritually, waiting is often where God does His deepest work in us. How can you create a "watchpost" in your life - a dedicated time and space to listen for God's voice? Practice being still before God today, expectantly waiting for His guidance and presence.





Day 4: Living by Faith in Uncertain Times

Reading: Habakkuk 2:4, Hebrews 11:1-6

Devotional: "The righteous shall live by faith" - this profound statement from Habakkuk echoes throughout Scripture. In times of uncertainty or suffering, our faith is both challenged and strengthened.

Reflect on what it means to truly live by faith in your daily life. How can you demonstrate trust in God's character and promises, even when circumstances seem dire? Consider one step of faith you can take today, trusting God with the outcome.

Day 5: Choosing to Worship in Barren Seasons

Reading: Habakkuk 3:17-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Devotional: Habakkuk's powerful declaration of praise, despite dire circumstances, is a testament to mature faith. Worship isn't just for good times; it's a powerful weapon in spiritual warfare. Think about the "figs" and "vines" in your life that may not be producing right now. Can you, like Habakkuk, still choose to rejoice in the Lord?

Today, make a list of God's unchanging attributes and spend time in worship, focusing on who God is rather than your current circumstances. Let this act of faith lift your spirit and strengthen your resolve.





SMALL GROUP GUIDE: “While I Wait, I Will Worship”

Opening Prayer:

Key Scripture:

Book of Habakkuk

Discussion Questions:

1. Habakkuk cried out to God about injustice and evil in his time. What injustices or challenges in our world today make you want to cry out to God?
2. The sermon mentions "lamenting as spiritual warfare." What does this mean to you? How can we lament in a healthy, faith-filled way?
3. God's response to Habakkuk was unexpected (using the Babylonians). Share a time when God answered your prayers in an unexpected way.
4. How does Habakkuk's decision to "climb the watchtower" and wait for God's response challenge or inspire you?
5. The sermon emphasizes worshiping even when things seem barren. What does this look like in practical terms? How can we cultivate this attitude?





Practical Applications:

1. Practice lamenting: Take time this week to honestly express your frustrations and pain to God in prayer.
2. Create a "watchtower" space: Designate a physical space in your home for focused prayer and listening to God.
3. Gratitude journal: Each day, write down one way you've seen God work in the past, to remind yourself of His faithfulness.
4. Worship challenge: Choose to worship (through song, prayer, or service) during a difficult moment this week.
5. Scripture meditation: Spend time reflecting on Habakkuk 3:17-19, considering how you can apply this attitude to your current circumstances.

Key Takeaways:

1. God hears our honest, raw prayers and laments.
2. Sometimes God's answers may shock or surprise us, but He remains sovereign.
3. Waiting on God is an active process that involves watching, praying, and worshiping.
4. Our perspective can shift from asking "why" to declaring "yet I will praise."
5. Worship provides a vantage point of victory, even in difficult circumstances

Closing Prayer:

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the message and supporting each other in applying these principles throughout the week.

