

“...Yet I Will Rejoice” Finding Strength in a Crisis

The Book of Habakkuk - Part 2

“The Benefits of Waiting on God in a Crisis”

Habakkuk 2:1-4

Review

- God invites us to pray angry prayers.
- There are things of God we’ll never understand.
- But we can understand God’s track record of faithfulness, especially in the cross.
- Fight faithfully with God because God faithfully fights for you.

Habakkuk says he will wait for God, like a _____ manning his post on a wall tower. It’s a rich and multi-dimensional word-picture for waiting.

Waiting is...

- A _____
- H _____

5 Benefits of Waiting on God in a Crisis

1. Waiting produces _____. (Romans 5:3)
2. Waiting develops _____. (Romans 5:4)
3. Waiting offers an eternal _____. (Romans 8:18)
4. Waiting tests and reveals the genuineness of our _____ for God. (1 Peter 1:7)
5. God _____ on those who wait for him. (Luke 12:35-37)

Tim Keller: “Jesus is saying, ‘At the end of time, I’m going to have all of my people sit down at the table. I’m going to gird myself to wait on them. I’m going to focus all of my powers on inflicting all the joy, all the honor, all the fulfillment and happiness that I possibly can on you. I’m going to concentrate all the infinities and immensities of my being on making you, on inflicting in you, absolute, incredible, cosmic, infinite joy. That’s what I’m going to do. If you wait for me, if you wait on me your whole life, I will literally wait on you. I will gird myself, and I will serve you.’”

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What are some of the ways that waiting on God to answer prayer is active?

3. Which of the five benefits most hits home with you right now.

4. How can Jesus’ promise in Luke 12:35-37 impact our daily life in this crisis?