

Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study

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**“Waiting”**

#3 in the Series

*When God Doesn't: The Book of Habakkuk*

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**Scripture Text (NIV)**

Habakkuk 2:2-3



1. The theme of “waiting” occurs throughout the Bible. Consider these examples:
  - Abraham and Sarah waited decades for God’s promise of a child (Genesis 12:7; 15:4-6).
  - Joseph endured extended waiting while in slavery, then in prison, until he ascended to a position of influence to preserve Israel (Genesis 37-50).
  - The early church demonstrated patient waiting for the Holy Spirit’s guidance (Acts 1:4-5).And consider these verses:
  - *I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.* (Psalm 40:1)
  - *For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.* (Galatians 5:5)
  - *The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.* (Lamentations (3: 25-26)
  - Have you ever been forced to wait for something, only to realize that God was trying to teach you something through the waiting? What happened?
2. **Read Habakkuk 2:2.**
  - Why do you think God was so emphatic that Habakkuk “write down” the plan for Judah, rather than communicating it verbally?
  - Have you ever experienced God speaking very directly and specifically to you in this way? What was that like?
3. **Read Habakkuk 2:3.**

God offers an additional explanation about his plan for Judah.

  - How do you think Habakkuk felt to learn God’s plan for Judah was “a vision” for the future and that he must wait for it?
  - If God’s timing has ever forced you to wait, how did you adjust to His timeline?
4. **BONUS QUESTION**
  - Why is waiting so difficult for most of us?
  - What helpful advice have you received from a friend or family member about learning to wait?
5. How can we pray for you?