Sermon Reflection

Series: Preparing for What God Wants to Do
Sermon: When You're Ready, But Waiting on God – September 27, 2026
Scripture: Habakkuk 2:1–3 (NIV)

Main Scripture

Habakkuk 2:3 (NIV)
"For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay."

Key Thought

Being ready does not always mean it is time. Sometimes God has prepared us for what is next, but still requires us to wait. The challenge is learning how to stay ready while we wait.

Overview

Habakkuk had brought his questions to God, but he did not know when or how God would answer. As chapter two begins, the prophet takes his position and waits to hear what God will say.

Waiting can become difficult when we believe we are ready. We have prayed, prepared, grown, and done what we believe God asked us to do, yet nothing seems to be changing. Habakkuk reminds us that waiting does not mean becoming inactive, discouraged, or disconnected from God. We maintain our position, hold on to what God has shown us, and trust that His timing is greater than our own.

Point 1

Maintain Your Position

Scripture

Habakkuk 2:1 (NIV)
"I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me…"

Reflection

Habakkuk had questions, but he did not allow the waiting to change his position with God. He remained at his watch, expecting God to speak.

Waiting can tempt us to stop praying, stop expecting, or even begin distancing ourselves from God. But the longer we wait, the more important it becomes to remain spiritually positioned. We may not know when God will move, but we can decide where we will stand while we wait.

Reflection Questions

Has waiting changed my position with God?

Am I still praying and expecting God to move?

Have I allowed disappointment to create distance between God and me?

This Week's Application

Stay consistent in prayer.

Remain close to God while you wait.

Keep expecting God to speak and move.

Point 2

Hold On to the Vision

Scripture

Habakkuk 2:2 (NIV)
"Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it."

Reflection

God told Habakkuk to write down what He revealed. The answer had not yet come to pass, but the vision was still worth holding on to.

Waiting has a way of making us question what we once believed. When enough time passes, we may begin wondering whether we misunderstood God, whether the opportunity has passed, or whether what we hoped for will ever happen. In those moments, we have to

remember what God has already shown us. Delay does not automatically mean the vision has changed.

Reflection Questions

What vision or promise am I still holding on to?

Has waiting caused me to question what I once believed?

What do I need to remember while I wait?

This Week's Application

Remember what God has already shown you.

Do not allow delay to erase your expectation.

Keep the vision in front of you while you wait.

Point 3

Trust God's Timing

Scripture

Habakkuk 2:3 (NIV)
"Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay."

Reflection

God acknowledged that from Habakkuk's perspective, the answer might seem slow. Yet He assured him that the vision had an appointed time.

Our frustration with waiting often comes from comparing God's timing to our own. We know when we want something to happen, but God knows when it needs to happen. What feels delayed to us may still be right on time according to His purpose.

Trusting God means trusting not only what He is doing, but also when He chooses to do it.

Reflection Questions

Am I trusting God's timing or trying to rush the process?

Has waiting caused me to doubt that God is still working?

Can I trust God even when His timing does not match mine?

This Week's Application

Release your timetable to God.

Refuse to let delay become discouragement.

Stay ready while you wait.

Living It Out This Week

Maintain your position with God.

Hold on to what God has shown you.

Trust God with the timing.

Pastoral Encouragement

There are few things more difficult than feeling ready and still having to wait. You have prayed, prepared, grown, and done what you believe God asked you to do, but the answer still has not come. Do not allow the waiting to convince you that God has forgotten you. Stay in position. Keep the vision in front of you. Continue believing even when nothing seems to be changing. God sees what you cannot see, and He knows what you do not know. What feels slow to us is still right on time with God. If He has you waiting, keep trusting, keep believing, and above all, stay ready while you wait.

Closing Prayer

Lord, help us stay ready while we wait. Keep us close to You when the waiting becomes difficult. Help us hold on to what You have shown us and trust Your timing when it does not match our own. Give us patience to wait, faith to believe, and strength to remain ready for what You have next. In Jesus' name, Amen.