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(Big ideas)

While you are waiting, God is working
God often does His deepest work while we wait



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- 12 minor prophets books
- Written in early 600's BC
- Israel, full of injustice & idolatry
- Habakkuk – “to embrace” “wrestle”
- Genre – reads like a journal

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3 major problems with God

1. You don't seem to care
2. You aren't doing much when you could
3. What you are doing doesn't seem fair



Lessons from Habakkuk's story:

1. Lesson 1: I will never see what God is doing unless I wait



What we do instead of waiting . . .

- Run
- Press
- Despair
- Fuss

*Nobody has ever waited on God and
been disappointed. God has never
been a minute late.*



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2. Lesson 2: What we forfeit when we don't wait
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“what if” or “even if”

“We trade our irrational fears of an uncertain future for the loving assurance of an unchanging God.”



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1. Lesson 1: I will never see what God is doing unless I wait
2. Lesson 2: What we forfeit when we don't wait
 - a. We miss the transformation
 - b. We miss the testimony
 - c. We miss the intimacy



Take Home Truths-

Four key spiritual lessons for when God places us in the waiting room of life:

1. Trust God's Timing

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength . . ." - Isaiah 40:31

2. Deepen Your Dependence

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him . . ." - Psalm 37:7

3. Grow Where You're Planted

"Those who are faithful in little will be faithful in much." - Luke 16:10

4. Expect God's Goodness

"The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him." - Lamentations 3:2