

OUTLINE FOR SUNDAY THE 11TH - WAITING ON GOD

What do we do when God is good, but life is not?

The first thing to do is to remind yourself of God's truth. Even though this may not seem like it has any effect immediately. Each time you focus on God's word there is a veil that is taking away.

2 Corinthians 3:16-17

But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

When God is good, but life is not, we must let God become our perspective on life and not life become our perspective on God.

Chapter 2 talks about - Waiting on God

God's response to Habakkuk is, "Be patient."

Habakkuk 2:3

This vision is for a future time.

It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled.

If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently,
for it will surely take place.

It will not be delayed.

And whenever anyone waits too long on God, the heart becomes sick

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick...

THREE THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU ARE WAITING AND HURTING

1. LISTEN TO GOD

Position yourself in God

Habakkuk 2:1

I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

Taking your watch post spiritually is taking a posture of humility.

1 Peter 5:6

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

Are you standing in humility?

2 Chronicles 7:14

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

Position yourself as the righteousness of God not as the wretch of God.

Are you standing in the full armor of God? Ephesians 6:13

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

When God seems far it's because He wants you to come near.

Isaiah 45:15 ESV

Truly, you are a God who hides himself,
O God of Israel, the Savior.

This is the same reason Jesus spoke in parables. Parables were not to confuse us, but to cause us to draw closer to God in prayer.

2. WRITE IT DOWN

Listen to what God is saying to you.

Our spiritual enemy wants to take from you the word the Lord has given you.

Luke 8:14-15

The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

1 Timothy 1:18

This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

3. WAIT, BUT HAVE FUN WHILE WAITING

Micah 6:8

But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do,
what GOD is looking for in men and women.

It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,
be compassionate and loyal in your love,
And don't take yourself too seriously—
take God seriously.