

Hope in the Dark

Waiting on God

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me ...

Habakkuk 2:1 NIV

Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets ..." Habakkuk 2:2 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." Habakkuk 2:3 NIV

"But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!" Habakkuk 2:3 TLB

"See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness ..." Habakkuk 2:4 NIV

"But the LORD is in his holy Temple. ..." Habakkuk 2:20 NLT

Start talking.

- Did you grow up in an environment where you felt safe to bring doubts and questions to God? How do you think that influences your view of God today?

Start thinking.

- What do you think is the hardest thing about waiting?
- Are you more likely to place your faith in a result you want or in God's character?

Start sharing.

- Read Habakkuk 2:1. What's it like for you to wait and listen for God to respond to your pain? What could you do to make more room for listening?
- What are some answers God has given you in the past that you can write down as an anchor for the future?
- Share about a time when you either waited on God or tried to force His timing. What did you learn?
- What's your experience when it comes to adjusting your posture to hear God and writing down what God says to you?

Start praying.

God, we are listening. We are open to hear Your voice. Please speak to us through Your Word, through prayer, and through others. We will trust You and we will wait on Your promises. In Jesus' powerful name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start writing. Even if it's just short notes on your phone, write about promises God has given you.
- If you're hurting, ask someone to remind you of God's character.
- Start the *Hope in the Dark* Bible Plan on your own or with your group
- <https://lifecentralchurch.org.uk/daily-devotional/>