

Psalm 46:10 says, “Be still, and know that I am God.” When was the last time you were truly still and listened for God’s direction for your life? How does God speak to you? As suggested in the message, God speaks to us through scripture, prayer and meditation and through others. Perhaps music makes you receptive to listening to God. In the space below, record your ideas on how you best listen to God.

Thursday, May 7

The second thing God instructed Habakkuk to do is “write the vision.” (Verse 2:2). Writing or journaling is considered by many to be a Spiritual Discipline; certainly journaling is a means to reflect on our relationships, our deepest desires and passions as well as God’s will for our lives. Writing down our thoughts allows us to remember them, be inspired by them, to receive them as a plan of action. Pastor Craig Groeschel (author of *Hope in the Dark*) suggests that we don’t have to write volumes of our thoughts and experiences. Start by writing only three sentences. Certainly that is all you are asked to do in these weekly devotionals; that’s all the room you are given for your responses. But it’s a start. What do you think? Write it down!

Friday, May 8

The third and final thing God instructs Habakkuk to do is to wait. Waiting is difficult, especially in our culture of having the internet on our phones, microwaves preparing our food or fast food available everywhere – even in this Covid-19 era. Waiting is not a passive endeavor; think of what a *waiter* does in a restaurant. A waiter serves customers. Could it be that while we are waiting for God’s direction that we are to continue serving God in meaningful ways? Remember that God’s timing is perfect and that a delay is not a denial! Review your Message Notes and write your thoughts here.

Message Notes – May 3, 2020

*Waiting and Weary**

- I. Habakkuk is a different type of prophet in that he brings a word from the _____ to _____.
 - A. Habakkuk is clearly accusing God of not doing what is _____.
 - B. He’s saying to God, “God – you aren’t doing what you _____. What you are doing doesn’t seem fair. God – do you even _____?”
 - C. Sometimes we are left wondering about God and that can be tough; wondering can be difficult but _____ on God is more difficult.
- II. Habakkuk really loved God and was not _____ to ask tough questions.
 - A. The name Habakkuk means “to _____” and “to _____”.
 - B. So true to his name Habakkuk engages with God and _____ with him.
 - C. Habakkuk discovered when you find yourself in a valley, you can _____ at God, be disappointed with God, _____ God and wrestle with God.
 - D. Because God understands your pain and would rather have you scream at, be disappointed in, doubt and wrestle with him rather than _____.
- III. Habakkuk is “all in” with his conversation with God and he makes a _____ in how he is going to wrestle with his – with our – loving Creator.
 - A. Then God instructs Habakkuk to do three things; and the first is to _____ – really _____.
 1. The writer of Psalm 46:10 quotes God saying, “Be _____, and know that I am God.”

*Habakkuk 2:1-3 and Psalm 31

2. However you listen to God, be aware that what you hear may _____ be what you want to hear.

B. The second thing God tells Habakkuk to do is to _____ it down, _____ the vision, make it plain on tablets.

C. The third thing God instructs Habakkuk to do is _____; Verse three of our passage for today states, “For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, _____ for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.”

IV. An observation I shared last week is that sometimes, perhaps even often, things get _____ before they get _____; certainly that was the case for Habakkuk.

A. The lesson from the first chapter of Habakkuk: Don't _____ from God.

B. The overarching lesson from this second chapter of Habakkuk is don't _____ on God; listen, write and wait.

Daily Meditations and Study Guide

The following is a daily meditation and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, May 4

Read Habakkuk 1:2-4. Habakkuk certainly wasn't afraid to confront God and ask tough questions! He was truly at his wits end and he didn't have anything to lose; so he asked the big questions of life: Why wasn't God fair? Does God even care about Habakkuk's people – the Hebrews? Habakkuk struggled and he cried out to the Lord.

What struggles are you facing now, whether related to Covid-19 or not? Can you describe a time in the past when God used something painful and difficult to get your attention and draw you closer? Can you imagine that happening in your life now? Meditate upon these questions and write your responses here.

Tuesday, May 5

Read Habakkuk 2:1-3. After putting his complaint before God in Chapter One, Habakkuk then positioned himself to receive God's response. “I will stand at my watch post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.” (Verse 2:1) It was as if Habakkuk unleashed a torrent of pain and suffering before God; and then he stood before God, vulnerable and yet receptive. It was as if Habakkuk said, “Well, what have you got to say for yourself?”

How do you position yourself to clearly hear God? Is there a special place you go to pray and meditate? Is there a special time of Day to be still and listen? Write your thoughts here.

Wednesday, May 6

Read Habakkuk 2:1-3. After positioning himself to listen to God's response, God tells Habakkuk to do three things: listen, write and wait. Listening to God is not always easy. God in