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SERIES OVERVIEW: wearepcc.com/Habakkuk

MESSAGE: Waiting on God in Troubled Times

Trust the Lord, no matter what. Easier said than done...especially after living through 2020! Habakkuk's message for God's people around the world today is that followers of Jesus can, and must, trust in God no matter how tumultuous circumstances may become. However, trusting God is an ongoing process that involves wrestling, waiting, and worshipping Him. This week we focus on what it means to wait on God.

#1

According to this week's speaker, Pastor Scott Kirksey, both God's action and inaction in the book of Habakkuk appear unfair. Have you witnessed or experienced a situation in which something was unfair? How did you respond?

#2

Pete Scazzero, author of *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, says that every one of us will go through a dark night of the soul, a time in our lives when we have more questions than answers. And a percentage of Christians won't survive it, but will walk away from their faith. When you reflect on this statement, how does it make you feel? What do you do when what you see with your eyes betrays what you know in your heart? Reflect on [Proverbs 3:5,6](#). How do these verses help you?

#3

Read [Habakkuk 2](#). Scott reminds us that in our walk with God, He doesn't always do what *we* want or think He ought to do. And this leaves us with the question, "Why is God taking sooo long?" What have you been waiting on God to do? What do you do in the valley of waiting? Do you try to fix things yourself? Do you give up? Cry out to God? What encouragement would you provide for someone who has been waiting on God for a long time?

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#4

We are reminded of those in both the New and Old Testaments—Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, David, and Zachariah and Elizabeth—who also walked through trying times. While their circumstances were different, they too wrestled and questioned God, or even took matters into their own hands, but they had one thing in common—they never lost their faith. Reflect on [Isaiah 40:31](#), and [Hebrews 4:14-16](#). What do these verses mean to you?

#5

In the midst of the storm, immersed in unfairness and surrounded by hardship, we see in [Habakkuk 2:1](#) that Habakkuk surrenders to God in the following ways:

1. He stands
2. He watches
3. He waits

Which part of his behavior is hardest for you?

#6

After the wrestling and the praying God responds to Habakkuk as seen in [Habakkuk 2:2](#). What does He tell Habakkuk to do? Why do you think God gave Habakkuk these instructions? How does [Habakkuk 2:3](#) give you hope?

Other Resources:

1. [Watch a video](#) overview of Habakkuk
2. Need support - Get a [coach, counselor or peer](#) to walk with you
3. Need a group to grow - Check out all the [Winter Experiences 2021](#)