



## When God DOESN'T Make Sense

*Wait For It!* (Habakkuk 1:12-2:3)

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**BIG IDEA:** Waiting on God means holding on to a humble expectancy and letting go of bitterness.

- Have you ever been in a place where God didn't seem to be responding to your prayers? No matter how convincing you made your case? A time when you couldn't figure out if He was just ignoring you or telling you to wait for His answer?

### Habakkuk: Round 2

- Habakkuk seriously has a hard time with what he assumes God's showing him His plan is; he wants reassurance that God is who He says He is.
- In round 2 with God, Habakkuk deals with the holiness of God here (verses 12-13), and then he speaks to the helplessness of the people and the haughtiness of the enemy (verses 14-17).
- Habakkuk realizes there is nothing he can do to control the situation; and there is nothing he can do to avoid the situation. He doesn't see any hope. It would be easy for him to get bitter, but he doesn't.
- Instead, in his confusion, in his frustration, he decides to wait on the Lord, humbly and expectantly.
- We can be confident that God will sort things out (Hebrews 10:35-38).
- In the meantime, God calls us to do three things... (Matthew 7:7, NLT)

## When God Says "No"

Some of God's most faithful servants waited in this life for answers that never came (Hebrews 11:39-40).

*I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am, among men, most richly blessed.*  
Confederate Soldier, Battle of Gettysburg

- It takes great faith and trust to ask, seek and knock, even when things don't make sense. When, in our simple understanding, we want to just think God's either mean, inept, or on vacation. The question is, can I not give into bitterness?
- In the trials you face, can you wait, humbly and expectantly, no matter how long it takes, because you love God and you trust Him, even when you don't understand?
- Instead of being humble, how do you inappropriately try to control the situation, or God in the process? Or, instead of being expectant for God to respond, do you find yourself at times giving up? Not asking, seeking, knocking anymore because it is easier to just say "well, I'm waiting on God" and check out?