

**MESSAGE NOTES**  
**Habakkuk 2.1**  
**"Watching & Waiting"**  
**How Long - Message #6**  
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The prophet as a watchman                      Ezekiel 3.17

1. Watching and waiting takes time.

People who've watched and waited.

Daniel 10.3,12; Job 7.3

2. Watching and waiting call for quietness.

Habakkuk 2.20

To listen, it is necessary to have quietness, internally as much as externally.

3. Watching and waiting require perseverance.

Jeremiah 29.11-13; Luke 11.5-10

4. Watching and waiting necessitate being open to correction.

Isaiah 1.18

God looks not just for honesty but for humility.

Practical Practices:

1. Unplug

2. Un-do

3. Unleash

## **GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS**

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1. Archibald Hart, professor of psychology at Fuller Seminary, wrote, “People in a hurry never have time for recovery. Their minds have little time to meditate and pray so that problems can be put in perspective. In short, people in our age are showing signs of physiological disintegration because we are living at a pace that is too fast for our bodies.” Do you agree with this statement or not? Share your thoughts and/or experiences.
2. Read aloud Habakkuk 2.1 (check different versions). Take a brief review of the main points at the back of this page. Unplugging was one of the suggested applications. How has technology influenced your relationships? What do you think are some benefits of unplugging? This is one of the harder things to do in this tech age but what might be one practical thing you can do in response? How can we help one another in this area?
3. Our culture is a “doing” culture. This is evidenced by the acceptance of sleep deprivation and running on empty as norms. The ticking of the second hand defines our pace. What keeps you working past your limits? What exhausts you? When and where do you most deeply rest? Who helps you rest? Read Psalm 62.1; Deuteronomy 33.12; Psalm 116.7; Hebrews 4.1,9-11.
4. As we look at examples of watching and waiting, consider the life of Sarai in Genesis 16.1-13. Discuss the implications of her decisions and actions. Discover who is the one who is watching. Genesis 28.15; Exodus 3.16; Isaiah 27.3; Psalm 121.3-4.
5. Knowing that God is the one who watches over us, what is one thing you will do (or un-do) in response to these verses? (It might be the unplugging you’ve shared in #2). How might “watching and waiting” look in your life now that we talked about all of these? Pray for one another.