

# Sermon Study Guide

## Trust Him in the Tower

### Habakkuk 1:12–2:4

**Big Idea:** God is working in your waiting.

**Bottom Line:** His methods may surprise you, but his character will hold you.

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## COME AND SEE

Read Habakkuk 1:12–2:4 slowly. Then consider the questions below.

### 1. Habakkuk begins with what he knows about God.

Read Habakkuk 1:12. What difference does it make that Habakkuk begins with God's character before he wrestles with God's methods?

Why do you think he calls God "my God," "my Holy One," and "my Rock"?

Cross references: Malachi 3:6; Psalm 18:2; Psalm 90:1–2; James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8

### 2. Habakkuk climbs the watchtower.

Read Habakkuk 2:1. What does the watchtower image teach us about waiting on God?

What is the difference between waiting passively and waiting faithfully?

Cross references: Psalm 27:13–14; Psalm 130:5–6; Isaiah 40:28–31; Lamentations 3:22–26  
Micah 7:7

### 3. God gives Habakkuk a vision with an appointed time.

Read Habakkuk 2:2–3. How can something "linger" and yet "not delay"?

What does this teach us about the difference between our sense of timing and God's?

### 4. God gives Habakkuk two ways to live.

Read Habakkuk 2:4.

What does it mean to be “puffed up”?

What does it mean that “the righteous person will live by his faithfulness”?

Cross references: Genesis 15:6; Exodus 17:8–13; Romans 1:16–17; Galatians 3:11  
Hebrews 10:35–39

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## FOLLOW ME

### Reflecting on Our Lives

#### 1. When God’s methods confuse you

- When have you experienced a season where God’s methods confused you?
- What did you expect God to do? What did he actually do?
- Did that experience make you question God’s character, God’s timing, God’s goodness, or God’s wisdom?
- Which truth about God do you most need to anchor yourself in right now?

Finish this sentence honestly: “Lord, I do not understand \_\_\_\_\_, but I know you are \_\_\_\_\_.”

#### 2. Honest prayer and humble listening

Habakkuk teaches us that faithful people can ask hard questions. But he also teaches us that faith is not only honest speech before God. Faith is humble listening before God.

- Which is easier for you: telling God the truth, or waiting quietly for God to speak?
- When you pray, do you tend to have a conversation with God, or do you tend to leave a voicemail?
- Where might you be asking God for relief when he may be trying to give you perspective?

#### 3. The watchtower as a posture of faith

- Where are you most tempted to treat prayer like a control room, trying to manage the outcome, timeline, or details?
- Where are you currently waiting on God? What would it look like to “climb the tower” in that specific area?

#### 4. Waiting as formation

Habakkuk 2:3 says, “Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.”

- Where does God’s timing feel slow to you right now?
- What might God be forming in you during the delay that the answer itself may not produce?
- Is the waiting exposing any idols of control, comfort, certainty, or approval?
- How might the waiting be teaching you dependence?

#### 5. Living by faithfulness

- What would steady faithfulness look like in ordinary life this week?
- How does the faithfulness of Christ free you from needing your faithfulness to be perfect?

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## GO AND BE

### Practicing the Sermon This Week

This week, practice climbing the tower.

Do not try to do everything. Choose one or two practices and commit to them for seven days.

#### 1. Anchor in God’s character

Each morning, complete this prayer:

“Lord, today I do not understand \_\_\_\_\_. But I know you are \_\_\_\_\_. Help me anchor myself in who you are.”

Choose one attribute of God to hold onto this week: holy, faithful, patient, wise, just, near, merciful.

Read one of these passages each day and write down what it reveals about God:

Psalms 46

Psalms 90

Isaiah 40:28–31

Lamentations 3:22–26  
Romans 8:31–39

## 2. Pray Psalm 27

Once a day this week, pray Psalm 27 slowly. Pay special attention to verse 14:

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”

After you pray, sit quietly for one minute and ask:

“Lord, what are you inviting me to trust about you today?”

## 3. Practice five minutes of watchtower silence

Set a timer for five minutes.

Simply sit before God and say: “Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.”

If your mind wanders, gently return to this prayer: “Lord, I am here. I am watching. I am waiting.”

## 4. Let someone hold your arms up

Read Exodus 17:8–13.

Moses’ hands grew tired, so Aaron and Hur stood beside him and held his hands steady.

This week, tell one trusted person where you are waiting on God.

Ask them to pray for you. Ask them to check in with you. Do not climb the tower alone.

## Closing Prayer

Faithful God, When your methods confuse us, anchor us in your character. When your timing feels slow, teach us to wait with hope. When our questions feel heavy, help us climb the tower instead of running or collapsing. Give us courage to pray honestly. Give us humility to listen deeply. Give us faithfulness for the next small yes. And when our hands grow tired, remind us that Christ is the Rock beneath us, the faithful One beside us, and the Savior who holds us fast. Teach us to trust you in the tower.

Amen.