

Hope In The Dark

Waiting On God (Week 2)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Waiting for God with confidence prepares us for greater hope in the future.

Key Scriptures

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he [God] will say to me...Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets...For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. Habakkuk 2:1-3

A wise man will hear and increase in learning ... Proverbs 1:5

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. Lamentations 3:25

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the LORD. Psalm 27:13-14

The story of your struggle today, can be a monument of hope to others tomorrow.

Things to do in the dark:

1. Listen actively.
2. Write it down.
3. Wait in confidence.

Start talking.

- What is the difference between hearing and listening?
- What posture do you take when you are most interested in something?

Start thinking.

- Read Habakkuk 2:1-3. What does it mean to, "stand, station, and watch"?
- Why is important to "memorialize", to write down, what we have heard from the Lord?
- What is the difference between waiting in confidence and waiting in anxiousness?
- Read Psalm 27:13-14. How is the psalmist expressing confidence in the midst of waiting?

Start sharing.

- How can you position yourself to better listen to God?
- Are you comfortable with writing/journaling? If so, how has positively impacted you? If not, what else have you done, or could you do to memorialize God's presence, provision, and direction?
- Why is waiting so hard?
- How would "waiting in confidence" change you?

Start doing.

- Take 30 minutes this week to still yourself. Turn off distractions, physically turn yourself to the Lord (maybe a walk, a special bench, early or late at night, on your knees maybe, etc.). Write down 2-3 things you are struggling with, then write out Psalm 27:13-14 and whatever else God speaks into you in that moment.

Closing prayer.

Lord Jesus help us! Give us ears to hear you, hearts to obey you, and spirits willing to trust you through pain, struggle, fear, and darkness. Help us cling to you, to experience your goodness even in the midst of our valleys. Grant us the courage and commitment to wait with confidence.