

LOOP Study Guide In Due Time: Week 4

Key Scripture:

Habakkuk 2:1-3

Theme: How Long? Trusting God's Timing



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Main Point: When God feels silent, He is still sovereign. What feels delayed is not denied — it is appointed.

1. CONNECTION — START THE CONVERSATION

Icebreaker (choose one):

- What's something you hate waiting for?
- Have you ever rushed into something and later wished you had waited?
- When you think of "waiting on God," does that feel peaceful or frustrating?

Transition Thought:

- Most of us don't mind waiting — until waiting costs us something. Habakkuk teaches us that waiting isn't passive... it's positioned.

2. SCRIPTURE — THE FOUNDATION

Read together:

- **Habakkuk 2:1**
- **Habakkuk 2:2–3**
- **Habakkuk 2:6–8**

Key Truths:

- Waiting is not inactivity — it is alignment.
- God works on an appointed time, not our preferred timeline.
- Greed and rushing are often symptoms of distrust in God's timing.

3. DISCUSSION — PROCESS THE MESSAGE

A. WAITING IS POSITIONED, NOT PASSIVE

Habakkuk climbed the watchtower. He positioned himself to listen.

1. When you're in a season of silence, what is your natural response — lean in or pull away?
2. What would it look like for you to “climb the watchtower” in your current situation?

B. GREED IS IMPATIENCE DRESSED AS AMBITION

“Faith waits. Fear grabs.”

1. Where have you felt tempted to rush something God hasn't released yet?
2. Why is it so hard to trust that God will provide “enough” and “on time”?

The message said: *“If God didn't give it, He's not obligated to sustain it.”*

3. Have you ever taken something early and then felt the burden of maintaining it?

C. GOD'S DELAYS ARE PROTECTIVE

“Waiting is cheaper than rushing.”

1. Looking back, can you see a time when God's delay actually protected you?
2. What might God be protecting you from in your current waiting season?

D. WHEN GOD ASKS “HOW LONG?”

God's “How long?” isn't accusation — it's invitation.

1. Where might trust have been replaced by fear in your life?
2. Is there an area where obedience has stalled because you're frustrated with God's timing?

4. APPLICATION — MOVE FROM DISCUSSION TO DECISION

Ask everyone to quietly reflect:

- Where am I rushing?
- What am I trying to grab that God hasn't released?
- What would trusting God look like this week?

Challenge for the Week:

- Choose one area where you will stop striving and start trusting.
- Practice “watchtower faith” — daily time with God where you listen more than you speak.
- When impatience rises, replace it with this prayer:
“God, I trust Your timing more than my urgency.”

5. PRAYER — CLOSE THE LOOP

“Lord, forgive us for the times we've rushed ahead of You. Teach us to wait with faith instead of grabbing in fear. Help us trust that what You appoint will arrive in due time. When You ask ‘How long?’ let our answer be obedience. In Jesus' name, amen.”

THINGS HAPPENING AT FRESH START CHURCH:

- **Journey Groups** - In our Journey groups we provide a small group setting to discover the basics of the Christian life and a safe place to ask tough questions. Whether you've been in Church and walking with Jesus for a long time or you are brand new to all of this – Journey Groups are a great way to learn, connect and grow together. Our Journey group meets for 14 weeks at 10:30 in the Student Building and our new semester began February 8th. Learn more and sign up on the Church Center app.
- **The Table Women's Gathering** - Sunday, Feb 22nd. Connecting Fresh Start women of all ages and stages of life for friendship, growth and encouragement. Event is free of charge. Bring a "theme based" appetizer or dessert dish to share. We'll be getting to know God and each other a little better.
- **Grief Share Group** - Wednesday, March 4th. Join us at Fresh Start Church for Grief Share, a supportive community where you can find comfort and healing after the loss of a loved one. Our Grief Share sessions provide a safe space to share your journey, connect with others who understand, and receive guidance from experienced facilitators.