

03.10.21 – A Weekly Word for Covenant Church

Title: “Wait for it! Wait for it!”

Scripture Reading: [Habakkuk 2:1-5](#)

Reflection: Pastor Henry

There they were, two of my nieces, standing at the end of the dock holding their fishing poles. They had finished swimming and decided to give fishing a try for a little while as they dried out. The fish love to swim around and under the dock, darting in and out, in and out. The end of the dock is a great place to catch some fish. After getting some help with the bait on their hooks, they set off, just the two of them, out to the end of the dock, far enough away to be alone, but close enough to still be in ear shot.

The younger niece, around 3 years old at the time, would cast and reel, cast and reel, cast and reel as fast as she could. The older niece, around 5 or 6 years old at the time, the ever helpful one, tried to give her younger sister some helpful fishing advice. Instead of casting and reeling the line in as fast as she could, the older sister encouraged her to try casting but then also to leave the line, hook, and bait in the water for a bit so that the fish can find it and bite the bait/hook. She demonstrated and modeled what she meant and then invited her younger sister to try doing the same.

The problem was that it was so very hard for the younger sister not to reel the line back in immediately after casting it in. It was so hard for her to wait. So, the older sister began to provide some more encouragement to her younger sister. Each time her younger sister would cast and set her line, the older sister would begin to say with greater and greater intensity each time “Wait for it! Wait for it! Wait for it!”

In our passage for this week, God says the same thing to Habakkuk.

“Wait for it!”

My answer is coming God says. My revelation is coming. Even though its not here just yet, its coming. So, wait. Be ready. Watch.

“Wait for it!”

God often says the same thing to us still today.

The problem for us is that we too don’t like to wait. Just like my three-year-old niece when she was fishing at the end of the dock, we don’t want to wait. We would rather reel than wait. We would rather do our own thing rather than wait to see what God will reveal or what God’s answer might be.

Why don’t we like to wait? Because it’s hard. It’s hard to wait for the light to turn green, for a broken bone to heal, for a vaccine appointment to come, for a pandemic to be over, for that person we are interested in to call, or text, or message us, for the coach to put us in the game, for the test results to come back, for healing or a cure to come, for a difficult season to be over, for a loved one to “come back”, for a new job to emerge, for...you fill in the blank _____.

“Wait for it!”

Waiting is hard because it reminds us that we are not in control. There are all kinds of people and circumstances that are out of our control that affect us. We can't control when a fish will bite. We can't control when a light will change. We can't control when the coach will put us in or take us out. We can't control when a virus and pandemic will run its course, or if or when a cure will come for what illness or sickness we are facing. Waiting reminds us that we aren't in control. It's hard for us not to be in control. This makes waiting is hard for us.

"Wait for it!"

Notice with me in verse 4 that during the difficulty of our waiting, God extends to us an invitation. It is an invitation to wait on God. It is an invitation trust God's faithfulness. To trust that God is in control. To trust God's character. To trust that God is faithful. To trust that God is at work. To trust that God's revelation, redemption, and restoration will come. It will not delay. It will come at its appointed time, at the right time.

While we are waiting throughout life, God doesn't invite us to sit idly by or to do nothing. Rather, God invites us to live a faithful life. God invite us to life that flows out of and from our faith in God, in who God is, in what God has done, and what God is still doing in our midst. When our "when?" and God's "when?" don't line up perfectly and it is out of our control if or when they ever will, God invites us to focus our attention on something that we can control, living faithfully while we wait until they do.

As we "Wait for it!" to happen, God invites us to watch for, wait upon, and seek earnestly after him.

Prayer:

God, waiting is hard for us. We like to be in control, even though we are not. When our when and your when don't line up, enable us to live faithfully. Help us to live in such a way that demonstrates that you are in control, that you are faithful, that you are always at work in our midst. AMEN.

Action Item for the Day/Week:

This week, during your everyday waiting times (stop lights, carpool lines, check-out line, doctor appointments office, waiting for the internet to come back on, etc.), spend time in prayer for the people around you.

Songs for today:

[While I Wait](#)