

Why Does God Seem Unfair? | Week 2 - God is Faithful In the Waiting

Big Idea

When life is unfair, wait and watch; God is in control.

Scripture

Habakkuk 2:2-5, James 1:4, and Hebrews 10:35-39

Points to Keep In Mind

- 1. "The appointed time" refers to specific events in life that are entirely out of our control. According to Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything, there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." Waiting on God's appointed time can seem slow in coming, but it will surely take place at just the right time.
- 2. In Habakkuk 2:4-5, God highlights his dislike of pride, or being "puffed up," desires that are not upright, arrogance, and greed. God upholds the righteous. Being righteous is being considered right in God's eyes. We, as flawed humans, can only be right in God's eyes when we have faith in His son, Jesus Christ, and believe in his atoning sacrifice on the cross.
- 3. Perseverance refers to our ability to pursue a goal or undergo a trial over time despite obstacles or drawbacks. Ephesians 6:18 tells us to persevere in prayer, and 1 Chronicles 16:11 instructs us to look to the Lord and His strength and seek His face always. That is how we grow closer to God, mature in our faith, and are made complete in Christ by relying solely on him while we wait. In other words, in an in-between time of waiting, God is doing something important. Being mature and complete means letting God form the thing in you that he wants to form: your character, gifting, and dependence. Waiting is never easy, but God doesn't waste the waiting! He's not just working on our circumstances; he's working on us. Let's be faithful and let God finish that work.
- 4. Habakkuk 2:3b states, "It will certainly come and will not delay." Hebrews 10:37 says, "He who is coming will come and will not delay." Knowing that Jesus is with us in our trials and that he will return one day to end all pain helps us grow in our faith in him and our relationship with him.

Additional Questions and Resources

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- 1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
- What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
- 3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
- 4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
- 5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our support page: communitychristian.org/support/
- 6. Find out more about having a YOU+ Discipleship Conversation by visiting: youplus.info