

Day 1

April 6



Pray | Ask God for patience

PATIENCE IS a virtue that is often hard to cultivate. The answers that the prophet Habakkuk was asking of God would never be realized in his lifetime.

Current events and information suggest the end of this pandemic will be realized in a matter of weeks or months. In Apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans he states that suffering for the sake of Jesus Christ produces hope, richer character, and strength. Paul never put a timeline in any such sufferings.



Read | Habakkuk 2:1, Romans 5:3-5



Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:

Habakkuk’s lamentations and questions for God are very prominent in the first chapter of Habakkuk. This week, we see Habakkuk submitting himself to waiting on God’s answers. How are current events shaping the way you are waiting on God’s answers to your questions?

If you are a person that is generally patient with God, what are some ways you can counsel others and provide comfort during this time?

Reflect on events in your life that have significantly altered the way you go about your daily life. How have those events strengthened you, provided hope, or increased your patience with God?

Day 2

April 7



Pray | Ask God for a Christ-centered, eternal perspective

AN ETERNAL perspective is nearly impossible for humans to comprehend apart from God.

God simply asks us to accept his son, Jesus Christ, as our Lord and savior. Our circumstances are never eternal or constant, but Jesus Christ certainly is!



Read | Habakkuk 2:2, Romans 5:6-8



Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:

It is interesting that God asks Habakkuk to carve his reply on stone tablets. Words carved in stone are certainly more permanent than words simply written in ink. What are some of the words God has recently carved into your heart?

This pandemic has revealed how little control or power we have over world events. The Apostle Paul suggests that victory over sin and evil is dependent on Jesus Christ's grace, not on human efforts or performance. How might this way of thinking change your perspective on God's timing and consistency?

If you have not yet accepted Jesus Christ into your heart, how might today's scripture verses prompt you to explore a relationship with him? Remember that Jesus came to save us not because we are good enough, but because we are powerless over sin and he loves us.

Day 3

April 8



Pray | Ask God for a heart of obedience

OBEDIENCE IS a virtue that can be difficult for humans to define. During times of great personal difficulty or tragedy obedience can seem very low on the list of priorities.

Habakkuk was a man that seemed exhausted from waiting on God and probably looking for immediate answers. God told him to obey by waiting. Habakkuk was probably not pleased with this answer.



Read | Habakkuk 2:3, Romans 5:14-21



Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:

We want immediate answers from God, because uncertainty is uncomfortable. What are some uncertainties that have arisen for you in the past few weeks? Spend time in prayer and ask God how you can continue to obey his will for you through these uncertainties.

How have you shown obedience toward God through the current pandemic? Have you found yourself going out of your way to be kind to others, sacrificing your comforts for good of others, or praying for the well-being of people you don't even know?

How does Romans 5:14-21 impact how you define obedience? Does your obedience come from a position of compulsion or a condition of your heart?

Day 4
April 9



Pray | Ask God for a heart of humble servitude

SOMETIMES WE get discouraged in our relationship with God. One of those reasons might be because we are not getting everything we want out of that relationship.

God encourages us to serve him even through great difficulty. The current pandemic is most certainly difficult, and it may seem like God is absent or not living up to his end of the bargain. God humbled himself and served humanity by coming to walk the Earth as Jesus Christ.



Read | Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 6:11-14



Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:

We humbly serve God as a response to our eternal salvation through his son, Jesus Christ. Has God used the events during this pandemic to show you any new or unexpected ways in which you can serve him?

Sometimes we might stop serving God, going to church, or praying because a difficult circumstance can be discouraging. If this is true of you in recent weeks, it is of utmost importance to remember that God does not get discouraged by us. He serves us by offering eternal life in his kingdom despite our sinful nature.

Day 5

April 10



Pray | Ask God for a heart of joy through difficult times

IT IS a lot to ask someone to be joyful in God while people around the world are sick and dying. However, God asks us to be joyful in him through all circumstances.

We can be joyful through all circumstances because God promises victory over Satan, the real, true enemy. Any circumstance we encounter here on Earth cannot compare to joy we will experience when we are in God’s physical presence in his eternal kingdom.



Read | [Zechariah 14:20-21](#), [Psalm 134](#), [Psalm 138](#)



Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:

What has been the most difficult concept, issue, or occurrence for you to reconcile with God thus far through this pandemic? How might today’s scripture verses help you gain more confidence in God’s eternal promises?

The past few weeks have been difficult to be sure, but there might be some joyful moments as well. What are some joyful moments or unforeseen positives you have experienced through God?

Maybe a message from these past few weeks you have received from God is that his most important concern for his people is not earthly comforts or happiness. God begs us to live our lives here on Earth in a way that points to something so much greater than we can over comprehend. What are some ways in which you can encourage your loved ones to live joyfully for God now, so his eternal kingdom can be realized through his timing?

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