

KCLC: Waiting On The World To Change

5-Day Devotional

WAITING ON THE WORLD TO CHANGE



Me and all my friends
We're all misunderstood
They say we stand for nothing and
There's no way we ever could
Now we see everything that's going wrong
With the world and those who lead it
We just feel like we don't have the means
To rise above and beat it

Isaiah 40:29-30
God gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

So we keep a-waiting (Waiting)
Waiting on the world to change
We keep on waiting (Waiting)
Waiting on the world to change
It's hard to beat the system
When we're standing at a distance
So we keep a-waiting (Waiting)
Waiting on the world to change

Isaiah 5:20
Woe to those who call evil good and good
evil, who put darkness for light and light for
darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet
for bitter.

Now if we had the power
To bring our neighbors home from war
They would have never missed a Christmas
No more ribbons on their door
And when you trust your television
What you get is what you got
'Cause when they own the information, oh
They can bend it all they want

2 Peter 2:3
In their greed these false teachers will make
a profit out of telling you made-up stories.
For a long time now their Judge has been
ready, and their Destroyer has been wide
awake!



Day 1: The Prayer of the Weary

SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 1:1–4

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

*How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?
Or cry out to you, “Violence!”
but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.*

*Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked hem in the righteous,
so that justice is perverted.*

Psalm 13:1–6

*How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the Lord’s praise,
for he has been good to me.*

DEVOTION

“How long, O Lord?” This ancient cry echoes through Scripture and through our own hearts. Habakkuk's honest prayer reminds us that questioning God is not a sign of weak faith but of authentic relationship. When you feel exhausted by waiting, when circumstances seem unbearable, God invites your raw honesty. Like John the Baptist in prison, you may wonder if your hope was misplaced. But notice: these prayers are recorded in Scripture precisely because God honors our struggle. Your questions don't push God away; they draw you closer. Today, bring your “how long” prayers to God without editing or sanitizing them. He can handle your honesty.

REFLECTION QUESTION

What “how long” prayer have you been afraid to voice to God?

Day 2: Looking for God Sightings

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:2–6 Luke 7:18–23

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy^l are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

Luke 7:18–23

John’s disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’”

At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

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When John the Baptist's disciples asked Jesus if He was truly the Messiah, Jesus didn't offer theological arguments. Instead, He pointed to evidence: “Report what you see and hear.” In seasons of doubt and waiting, we need eyes trained to notice God's presence. The blind receiving sight, the lame walking, the poor hearing good news—these weren't just ancient miracles but ongoing signs of God's kingdom breaking through. Today, you may not see dramatic healings, but look for the small resurrections happening around you: a reconciled relationship, an unexpected provision, courage in someone's struggle. These “God sightings” sustain hope when waiting grows long. What we focus on shapes our faith.

REFLECTION QUESTION

What is one “God sighting” you've witnessed this week that you can share with someone who needs hope?

Day 3: Waiting Means Hoping

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:27–31

*Why do you complain, Jacob?
Why do you say, Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord;
my cause is disregarded by my God”?
Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
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Romans 8:24–25

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

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In Hebrew, the words for “wait” and “hope” are intertwined—they're not passive resignation but active expectation. When Isaiah promises that “those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength,” he's describing a posture of looking beyond present circumstances toward God's larger story. This isn't wishful thinking or denial of pain; it's choosing to view your situation through God's perspective rather than the world's narratives. Waiting with hope means believing God is working even when you can't see it, trusting His timing even when it conflicts with yours. Like an eagle soaring on thermal currents it cannot see, you're upheld by invisible grace. Your strength comes not from striving but from surrender.

REFLECTION QUESTION

What would change if you viewed your current waiting season as “hoping” rather than just “waiting”?

Day 4: Small Acts, Kingdom Impact

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31–40

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James 2:14–17

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

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Five friends saw overwhelming need and didn't let hopelessness paralyze them. They made chili. From that simple act, 10,000 daily meals now feed the hungry. Jesus never needed emperors to change the world—He chose fishermen, tax collectors, and ordinary people willing to do what they could with what they had. The world's voices tell us we're not enough, that our small contributions don't matter. But kingdom math works differently. Your act of kindness, your listening ear, your shared meal—these ripple outward in ways you'll never fully see. God doesn't need your perfection or your abundance; He needs your availability. What “pot of chili” could you make today? Stop waiting for someone else to solve the problem you can address.

REFLECTION QUESTION

What one small act of service could you do this week instead of feeling overwhelmed by problems you cannot solve?

Day 5: Choosing Hope Over Hopelessness

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 5:20

*Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter.*

2 Peter 2:1–3

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

DEVOTION

From ancient times to today's social media, voices have twisted truth, called evil good, and profited from division. These false narratives breed hopelessness, convincing us nothing can change. But you have a choice about what voice you'll amplify. Will you rehearse the darkness or proclaim the light? Paul instructs us to dwell on what is true, noble, right, and praiseworthy—not as denial, but as resistance against despair. When you share good news, celebrate small victories, and point others toward God's faithfulness, you're engaging in spiritual warfare against hopelessness. Your words matter. Your perspective shapes not just your own heart but the hearts of those around you. Be a hope-bringer in a world drowning in cynicism.

REFLECTION QUESTION

This week, will you commit to sharing one story of hope for every complaint you're tempted to voice?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, teach us to wait with hope rather than hopelessness. Open our eyes to see Your presence in our waiting. Give us courage to offer what we have, trusting You to multiply it for Your kingdom. Renew our strength as we soar on wings like eagles. Amen.