

RCCG INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CENTRE - LIGHTHOUSE LESSON OUTLINE
A Christ-Centred Church with a Heart of Compassion

Message Date: 19/7/2026 Lighthouse Meeting Date: 21/7/2026	Message Title: THOUGH IT TARRIES Minister: Pastor Chuka Nwafor
Key Texts: Hebrews 6:10, Genesis 12:2, Habakkuk 2:3, Proverbs 27:7, Lamentations 3:22-23	Sub Text: Colossians 3:23-24, Genesis 12:2-3, Psalm 37:25, Jeremiah 32:40, Philippians 4:17, Habakkuk 2:2-3, Hebrews 6:11-12, Hebrews 10:35-36, Romans 4:17-21, Romans 4:20-21, Psalm 27:9-14, Lamentations 3:18-26, Isaiah 64:4

Please read the entire document and Bible texts before you begin to discuss and answer the related questions. This will help you grasp the overall context of the message, however, remember the Bible is not a discussion book but a decision book. God honours and empowers your decisions not your discussions.

INTRODUCTION:

Every believer will eventually enter a place Scripture never glamorizes but every mature saint must embrace, the waiting room. It is the space between God's promise and its fulfillment. Though often unseen, it is one of the most defining and decisive seasons of the Christian journey.

Habakkuk stood in that place, wrestling with God's apparent delay. Yet God's response was not an explanation but an instruction: **"Write the vision, make it plain... though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come"** (Habakkuk 2:2–3). Those words have sustained generations of believers through delayed answers, prolonged trials, and seasons that stretched their faith.

This study confronts a sobering truth: **more destinies are lost in the waiting than at the beginning**. Abraham waited twenty-five years for God's promise and, in a moment of impatience, made a decision whose consequences still echo today. The question is not whether God is faithful, He is. The question is whether we will remain faithful, steadfast, and expectant until His promise comes to pass.

HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL CONTEXT

Habakkuk prophesied during one of Judah's darkest seasons, questioning God's apparent silence and delayed justice. God's answer became one of Scripture's greatest lessons on faith: **"The just shall live by his faith"** (Habakkuk 2:4), a truth later affirmed by both Paul and the writer of Hebrews. The message is timeless: God's promises are fulfilled in His appointed time, and the righteous must learn to wait by faith.

The writer of Hebrews encouraged weary believers not to abandon their confidence but to imitate those who **"through faith and patient endurance inherit the promises"** (Hebrews 6:11–12; 10:35–36). Abraham's journey perfectly illustrates this truth. Although God promised him a son in **Genesis 12**, the fulfillment did not come until **Genesis 21**. His impatience in **Genesis 16** produced Ishmael, reminding us that waiting is never neutral, it either deepens our faith or leads to costly shortcuts. God's promise is certain, but only those who endure in faith will experience its fulfillment.

TEACHING POINT ONE: PATIENT ENDURANCE IS THE BRIDGE TO INHERITANCE

Hebrews 6:11–12 urges believers to remain diligent and steadfast, imitating those who inherit God's promises through faith and patient endurance. Hebrews 10:35–36 adds that confidence must never be cast away because it carries a great reward. Endurance is not passive waiting, it is active faith that refuses to surrender. God's promises are not received by believing alone, but by continuing to trust and obey until His appointed time. The greatest test of faith is not receiving the promise, but remaining faithful while waiting for it.

Practical Application:

Do not surrender your confidence when God's timing differs from yours. Continue obeying, trusting, and standing on His Word, knowing that **patient endurance positions you to receive His promise** (Hebrews 10:35–36).

Digging Deep:

Where is God calling you to persevere instead of giving up? Are you allowing delay to strengthen your faith or weaken your confidence?

Scripture Focus:

"Be imitators of those who through faith... and patient endurance are now inheriting the promises." **Hebrews 6:12 (AMPC)**

TEACHING POINT TWO: THE VISION HAS AN APPOINTED TIME

Habakkuk 2:2–3 reminds us that every God-given vision has an appointed time. Though it may seem delayed, it will surely come to pass. Waiting is not passive, it is active faith anchored in God's Word. Hebrews 6:11–12 and Hebrews 10:35–36 teach that God's promises are inherited through faith and patient endurance. Spiritual maturity is revealed in the ability to trust God's timing, resist premature shortcuts, and refuse inferior substitutes for His perfect will.

Practical Application: Write down the vision God has given you, pray over it consistently, and refuse to abandon it because of delay. Hold firmly to God's promise that **patient endurance leads to fulfillment** (Hebrews 10:35–36).

Digging Deep: Have you allowed delay to weaken your faith, or are you still expecting God to fulfil what He promised?

Scripture Focus: *"Though the vision tarries, wait earnestly for it, because it will surely come; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day."* **Habakkuk 2:3 (AMPC)**

TEACHING POINT THREE: THE DANGER OF AN IMPATIENT APPETITE

Proverbs 27:7 warns that *"to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet."* Seasons of delay can create spiritual and emotional hunger, making believers vulnerable to shortcuts, wrong counsel, and costly decisions. In contrast, Romans 4:17–21 shows Abraham standing firm in faith, giving glory to God despite impossible circumstances. Yet Scripture also reveals that impatience eventually led to Ishmael, a decision with lasting consequences. The lesson is clear: what you feed on and whose voice you follow while waiting will shape your destiny.

Practical Application: Before making any major decision during a season of waiting, ask whether it is driven by **faith or frustration**. Test every voice and every opportunity against God's Word, and choose faith over shortcuts (Romans 4:20–21; Proverbs 3:5–6).

Digging Deep: Whose voice is shaping your decisions during this season, God's voice, or the voice of impatience?

Scripture Focus: *"To the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet."* **Proverbs 27:7 (AMPC)**

TEACHING POINT FOUR: FIX YOUR GAZE ON THE GIVER, NOT THE GIFT.

Psalms 27:9–14 and Lamentations 3:18–26 teach us to shift our focus from delayed promises to the unchanging character of God. Though surrounded by affliction, Jeremiah chose to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness, declaring that His mercies are new every morning. Likewise, Isaiah 64:4 assures us that God is actively working for those who wait on Him. Waiting is never wasted, it is a season of God's unseen activity. When we focus on what we lack, discouragement grows; when we fix our eyes on God's faithfulness, our faith is strengthened, our hope is renewed, and our courage is restored.

Practical Application: When discouragement comes, shift your prayers from **"Lord, when?"** to **"Lord, I trust You."** Meditate on God's faithfulness rather than your circumstances, knowing that He is working even when you cannot see it (Lamentations 3:22–24; Isaiah 64:4).

Digging Deep: Is your heart more focused on the promise you desire or on the God who made the promise?

Scripture Focus: *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed... His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great and abundant is Your stability and faithfulness."* **Lamentations 3:22–23 (AMPC)**

CONCLUSION:

Every believer must decide whether they will allow the waiting season to produce weariness or worship. Throughout Scripture, God has never failed to fulfill a single promise He has spoken (Joshua 21:45; Numbers 23:19). The cross itself reminds us that what appeared to be delay was actually divine preparation for resurrection glory. Therefore, do not abandon your confidence. Continue serving, continue sowing, continue believing, and continue waiting. The God who remembered Noah, Hannah, Joseph, David, and Abraham has not forgotten you. At the appointed time, He will bring His word to pass for His glory and your good.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, keep my heart faithful while I wait upon You (Isaiah 40:31).
2. Lord, let my labour of love never become weary or self-seeking (Hebrews 6:10; Galatians 6:9).
3. Make me a generous channel of blessing wherever You have planted me (Genesis 12:2; 2 Corinthians 9:8).
4. Give me grace to embrace Your timing and reject every counterfeit opportunity (Habakkuk 2:3).
5. Deliver me from impatience, unbelief, and every costly shortcut (Romans 4:20-21).
6. Surround me with wise, faith-filled counsellors who strengthen my confidence in Your promises (Proverbs 13:20).
7. Help me to fix my eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith, rather than on delayed circumstances (Hebrews 12:2-3).
8. Let every promise You have spoken over my life, family, ministry, and destiny come to fulfillment at Your appointed time, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

**POINTS
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- What did you hear?
- What do you think?
- What will you do?

- What point in this message was most impactful for you?
- How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
- How will you put into practice what you have learned today?

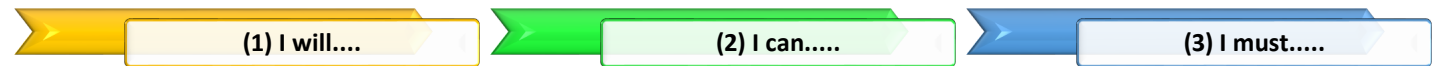
PONDER

Please note that the Bible is not a discussion book but a decision book.

God honours and empowers your decisions not your discussions.

This is the most important part of tonight's meeting The Holy Spirit awaits your decisions.

From this day forth:



General Prayer points:

-  Prayer regarding Lessons learnt today
-  Pray for special needs of LightHouse Care Group Members
-  Pray for your Pastors, Leaders and Workers in God's vineyard
-  Pray for increase and the ability to reach your neighbours and winning of new Disciples for Christ through the Lighthouse Fellowship

Seven things we must seek whenever we come to the presence of God - Lighthouse Meeting:

- (1) The knowledge of God, Jesus Christ & the Holy Spirit through the Word.
- (2) Is there any sin, transgression or iniquity (habit/attitude/ mind-set or behaviour) that needs to be repented of, confessed and forsaken?
- (3) Is there any promise to be claimed, any inheritance to be possessed?
- (4) Is there any instruction to be obeyed, direction to be received, and guidance to be followed?
- (5) Is there any example to be followed/emulated or any example to be weary of and discontinued?
- (6) Is there any battle against the enemy to be fought and won?
- (7) Is there any relationship that needs to be healed and restored, or any that needs to be terminated and separated from?

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