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Summary

Drawing from Habakkuk's complaint to God, the pastor encouraged the congregation to stay the course in 2026 — the "Year of Better" — even when progress feels invisible. Using the imagery of a storm passing and a seed growing underground, he reminded believers that unseen shifts are often the most significant ones. He challenged the church to reject excuses, embrace a "not yet — but I'm on my way" mindset, and stay alert to the new season God is opening for them. He closed with a pastoral warning to anyone knowingly heading in the wrong direction, urging them to course-correct before regret sets in.

Top Points

1. **The year of better requires intentional decisions, not passive waiting.** Things don't fall into place — you make adjustments based on what God shows you, and the fruit often appears years later.
2. **Invisible progress is still progress.** Like a seed underground, the most important work is often what you can't see yet. Don't mistake quiet seasons for fruitless ones.
3. **Habakkuk's complaint is a warning, not a model.** When life is hard and you can't see God moving, the answer isn't to question and complain — it's to dig in, stand on your faith, and refuse to move from what you're believing for.

4. **The storm doesn't move the sun — it just blocks your view.** Circumstances change how things look and feel, but they don't change the truth. God hasn't moved. The storm will pass.
5. **Replace "I can't" with "I can't yet."** Progress is always ahead. Don't let reasons become excuses. You live in a great country and serve a greater God — you have every resource you need to pursue better.
6. **God is doing a new thing — and it may not look new.** Like a car with a brand-new transmission, your life may look the same from the outside while something fundamental has shifted on the inside. Recognize the season.
7. **Reward and regret are both choices.** God warns out of love, not punishment. If you know you're heading the wrong direction, now is the time to correct course — before a reason becomes a regret you can't undo.

Quotations

- *"It's been quiet, but it's been progress. And I know that the progress that has taken place is a setup for a time in my life in our ministry that we're going to see a great amount of fruit."*
- *"When you sow the seed, there's nothing much happening there. But how many of you know that's the most important part?"*
- *"Don't ever allow a reason to turn into an excuse."*
- *"I will not handicap myself. I will not limit myself. And in doing that, I will not limit God in the better, in achieving the better, achieving the best."*
- *"The sun is still out there. I just can't see the sun because there's a lot of rain and obstacles in between me and the sun, but the honest truth is the sun's out there."*
- *"Same scenario outside, same circumstance outside, but different state of being on the inside."*
- *"Things are going to work differently. Same car, different transmission, new season."*
- *"There's reward and there's regret. Reward is things worked out, you did it the right way, and here's your reward. Regret is ugly because you can't go back and change it."*
- *"God did not intend for you to live a life of regret."*
- *"I can't do it yet." — [quoting a church member, held up as the spirit of the whole message]*