

## God's Waiting Room Part I; August 20, 2023

How long, O LORD, must I call for help? But you do not listen! "Violence is everywhere!" I cry, but you do not come to save. <sup>3</sup> Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. <sup>4</sup> The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted. <sup>5</sup> The LORD replied, "Look around at the nations; look and be amazed. For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it."

– Habakkuk 1:2-5 (NLT)

### "What Is Taking God So Long?"

God is building our \_\_\_\_\_ and/or our \_\_\_\_\_

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to be patient. **And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady.**

– Romans 5:3-4 (TLB)

There are pieces God is \_\_\_\_\_

You see, **at just the right time**, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

– Romans 5:6 (NIV)

**He has made everything beautiful in its time.**

– Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

God has a different \_\_\_\_\_  
than what we're \_\_\_\_\_

**May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

– Matthew 6:10 (NLT)

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything **according to his will**, he hears us.

– 1 John 5:14 (NIV)

He's trying to draw us \_\_\_\_\_

Then Jesus said, "**Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.**"

– Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

**One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.**

– Luke 18:1 (NLT)

Sometimes we get so focused on what we want from God, we forget what HE mostly wants is just US!