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# THOUGH IT TARRIES, WAIT FOR IT

## An Update on the Center of Hope

Reverend Silvia Watson

Have you ever been given a promise (or vision) from the Lord and to this day you are still waiting for the promise to come to pass? This waiting period is a perfect example of what the life and “Walk of Faith” is all about.

(Habakkuk 2) Gives us insight that will encourage us during our time of “waiting”:

*1 I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart,*

*And watch to see what He will say to me,*

*And what I will answer when I am corrected.*

Firstly, we are instructed to “watch” and “listen” for His instruction as we wait for the promise to manifest in our life.

*2 Then the Lord answered me and said:*

*“Write the vision And make it plain on tablets,*

*That he may run who reads it.*

Secondly, we are to describe clearly the vision the Holy Spirit has given us. Write these things down so you don’t forget them during your time of waiting. During this waiting we are to seek Him to understand what you must do to walk in what He is revealing to you.

Whatever you do, don’t quit!!

*3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time;*

*But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.*

*Though it tarrys, wait for it;*

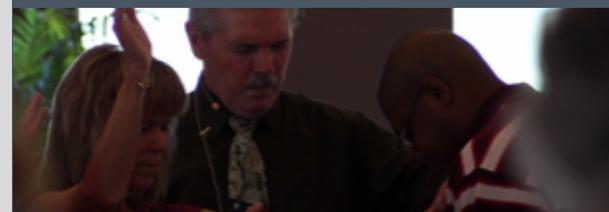
*Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.*

Thirdly, we are to wait. Here the first time the word tarry is used it means to delay.

The second time the word tarry is used means to be late.

What appears to be a contradiction is not. The vision God has given you (for us it is the Center of Hope) may seem to be delayed but we are to continue to walk towards it because it will not be late – it has an appointed time to manifest! Whatever the Lord has shown you, though it seems delayed, you are to wait for it because it will not be late – it has an appointed time and it will surely come to pass!

Whatever you do, now is not the time to quit! Don’t ever quit and you will see the faithfulness of God come to pass in your life!



## When You Worship, You Win

2 Chronicles 20:20 says this:

*And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed."*

In this passage of scripture, multitudes of peoples were rising up together to battle against Jehoshaphat. This seemed hopeless for him and the Jewish people. Before verse 20, King Jehoshaphat gathered all his people to seek the Lord in response to this threat. Through a prophetic word, the Lord spoke and said to go forth and to not worry. This is where the famous line "...for the battle is not yours, but the Lord's." comes from. So verse 20 is them going forth only knowing that God said to go and that He would deliver them. How? It apparently was not need-to-know level information for the people of Judah. Many times today we feel like we *need* to know how and when God is going to deliver us. But look at it this way, *Jehoshaphat* in Hebrew means "Jehovah has judged".

Understand that God has already judged in your favor. Jehoshaphat is a picture of understanding judgement. From his position as king, he had the wherewithal to accept the word of the Lord as it was and be at rest. God gave the word, the king recognized that *Jehovah has judged*, and he encouraged the people of Judah to now believe it. They then set aside worshipers to go before their own army, because this victory was as good as done, simply because Jehovah has judged! There is no greater voice of belief than a voice worshiping God when the opposite of what He says will be is happening. They believed, worshiped, and didn't have to lift a single sword in battle and walked away completely victorious.

I wonder if you can relate to this. God has filled His Word with promises for us, as well as rhema words that He speaks freshly through His Spirit. Jehovah has judged. God placed judgement for all sin on Christ, now you are blameless. So again, Jehovah has judged. Believe and receive it as if it is already so, and worship His mighty name. When you worship, you win! The battle belongs to the Lord today.

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