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# Tarry For The Vision (It Gets Better In The End)

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## God's Vision Plan

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***Sermon: God's Vision Plan: Tarry For The Vision (It Gets Better In The End)***

***Lesson Text***

Habakkuk 2:3 (AV)<sup>3</sup> For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Numbers 13:30–33 (AV)<sup>30</sup> And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. <sup>31</sup> But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we. <sup>32</sup> And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature. <sup>33</sup> And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

***Introduction***

Last week, we looked at The Appointed Time of Vision concerning The Appointed Person:

- Chosen for This
- Ordained for This
- Promoted for This

Let's now look at The Appointed Time of Vision concerning Time Itself:

- Habakkuk 2:3 (NLT)<sup>3</sup> This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

The key word we need to get when it comes to Appointed Time is **"Tarry"**.

And here is the challenge with many people concerning the Vision that they prayed for, watched for it, wrote down, and ran with it; They didn't Tarry for it!

Does anybody remember when we used to "Tarry for the Holy Ghost?" The saints made us stay on the altar, fast, pray, call on Jesus, cry out until we got it!

To Tarry means to Remain, Endure, Continue, Persist, Sojourn; to stay in place temporarily.

But we don't tarry for our vision; we don't remain, persist, endure, sojourn in place temporarily.

Like the Children of Israel in our lesson text, we hear evil reports of what we can't do; we see giant obstacles convincing us we can't do it; and so, we go back into the wilderness of life.

But God's Word to Habakkuk and to us is to Tarry for the Vision because although it may get worse before it gets better, in the end it shall speak and not lie, it shall come to pass!

***Series and Sermon: God's Vision Plan: Tarry For The Vision (It Gets Better In The End)***

“Tarry Until It Speaks, Tarry Until It Fulfills, Tarry Until It Ends”

### ***I. Tarry Until It Speaks***

Habakkuk 2: <sup>3</sup> For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end **it shall speak, and not lie**: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

The first challenge we have with Vision is when we get contradicting or contravening reports.

Vision has a voice that speaks to us; and if there is one thing the devil wants, it is to get us to doubt the voice of our vision. Because if you doubt it, you will stop listening to it; and remember “Faith Comes By Hearing!”

How does he do this? By giving us other voices, messages, and reports to hear.

What do you do when what you are now hearing is not what you first heard?

In our lesson text, we see two contradicting and conflicting reports. One that lines up with God’s Vision, and one that does not.

- Numbers 13:<sup>30</sup> And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; **for we are well able to overcome it.**
- Numbers 13:<sup>31</sup> But the men that went up with him said, **We be not able to go up against the people**; for they *are* stronger than we. <sup>32</sup> **And they brought up an evil report ...**

It is these contravening or contradicting reports that get us to start doubting.

Our faith gets under attack, it starts leaking, and we’re riding around with low faith fuel light on.

What do you do when your report contradicts your vision? Or worse yet, you have two reports, and they are conflicting with each other (“We are well able” vs. “We be not able”)!

God had given the Children of Israel a Vision of their future, but the reports conflicted!

Habakkuk 2: <sup>3</sup> ...**it shall speak, and not lie**:

But what do you do when you feel like your vision has lied to you? **“Tarry Until it Speaks”:**  
**Obey what God already said, regardless of what the report is now saying.**

Numbers 23:<sup>19</sup> God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Romans 10:<sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

To tarry until the vision speaks means to increase your faith by standing on God’s Word.

Ephesians 6: <sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Romans 10: <sup>17</sup> So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

## ***II. Tarry Until It Fulfills***

Habakkuk 2: <sup>3</sup> For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, **wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.**

The next challenge we have with vision is when it seems like it's not going to happen.

Fulfillment means to realize, complete, finish, or finalize.

If the enemy can't get you to give up on your vision before you get started, he will move to phase 2, get you to quit along the way.

Once you hear the vision and start walking towards it, you must understand that it will get worse before it gets better.

We believe for a better marriage, but it gets worse. We have faith for a financial breakthrough, but we go bankrupt. We pray to God for a job, promotion, increase, or home, but what we get is broke, busted, and disgusted, disappointed, broken, bitter, hurt, and homeless.

Numbers 13:<sup>33</sup> And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Those Giants that are occupying your promise are not going to leave voluntarily simply because you have a vision.

So, what do you do when Giants, walls, struggles, disappointments, and broken hearts are occupying your Vision? **“Tarry Until It Fulfills”: Fight for it, regardless of who stands against it!**

Numbers 13: <sup>30</sup> And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; **for we are well able to overcome it.**

“Well able to overcome” means that we're going to have to fight, but we will win:

- Ephesians 3: <sup>20</sup> Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
- Rom 8:<sup>37</sup> Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us
- 2 Corinthians 10: <sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- Isaiah 54: <sup>17</sup> No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.
- Philippians 4: <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

## ***III. Tarry Until It Ends***

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- “Tarry Until it Speaks”: Obey it, regardless of what the evil report says about it
- “Tarry Until It Fulfills”: Fight for it, regardless of who stands against it
- “Tarry Until It Ends”: Wait for it, because it gets better in the end

The final challenge to our vision is simply getting to the end.

Numbers 13: <sup>32</sup> And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

Many people never make it to the end of their vision because the drama of their middle causes them to go back.

Exodus 14: <sup>11</sup> and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt?”

Let me be clear, God didn’t make you leave your past, your past was kicking your behind and God’s Vision showed you better.

Don’t let the drama of your right now cause you to reminisce about a past that just wasn’t true!

Don’t forget, that it was your past that had you in slavery, your past that had you depressed, your past that had you in bondage, your past that almost killed you.

What do you do when drama, struggle, hurt, pain, suffering, and betrayal of your middle makes you want to turn back, **“Tarry Until It Ends”: Wait for it because it gets better in the end!**

Ecclesiastes 7: <sup>8</sup> Better *is* the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: *and* the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.

Revelation 22: <sup>12</sup> **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

Matthew 5: <sup>10</sup> **Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

**Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Tarry For The Vision (It Gets Better In The End))**

**Lesson Text**

- Habakkuk 2:3, Numbers 13:30–33

**Sermon Outline (Notes)**

**I. *Tarry Until It Speaks***

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**II. *Tarry Until It Fulfills***

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**III. *Tarry Until It Ends***

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**Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday’s Sermon?)**

**I. Getting to Know “Me”**

1. What kind of games do you like to play most? (a) card (b) app based (c) board (d) video (e) other
2. If you were a car what kind of car would you be? (a) minivan (b) suv/truck (c) car (d) limo (e) other

**II. Into the Bible**

1. In the sermon we heard how an evil report given by the ten spies created doubt and fear in the minds of the children of Israel. They saw defeat and despair in their journey because of the hardships they faced. They felt their lives in Egypt were better than what they were experiencing since leaving. Paul also faced hardships. Write down the sufferings he experienced which are stated in 2 Cor 11:16-33.. How was his mindset different from the mindset of the children of Israel? What insights can you draw about how these events shaped Paul’s faith?

**III. Life Application**

1. How can we keep our vision in front of us on a daily basis and what can we do to remain consistent when the vision tarries?
2. God created us with the ability to remember and it’s sometimes hard to “forget” the past. What are a few practical things we can do to “forget” our past?