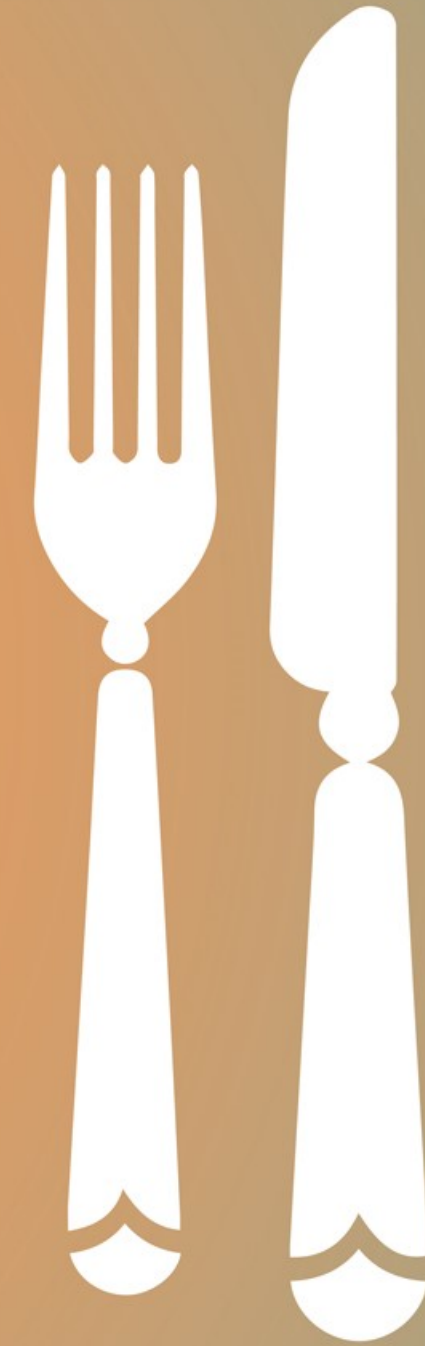


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# God's Waiting Room

When God tells us to wait

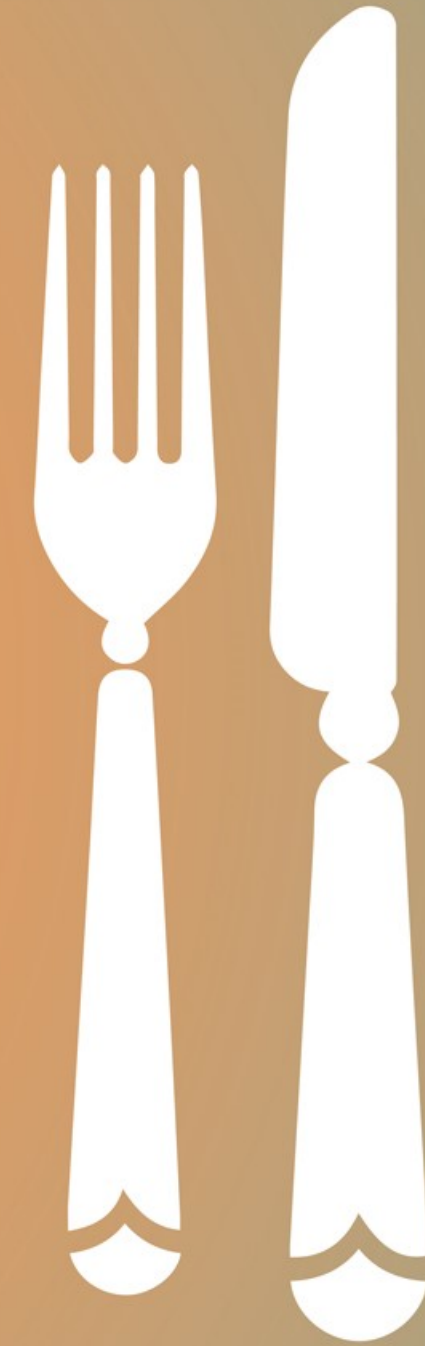
Habakkuk 1:2

“How Long, O Lord...”





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# God's Promises

## What Does He Promise?

Hope and a future (Jer 29:11)

Clothed and fed like the birds (Matt 6:26-30)

He will fight for us (Ex 14:14)

Eternal Life (John 3:16)

Comfort (Psalm 23:4)



# God's Promises

## What Doesn't He Promise?

A Trouble-free life (Matthew 16:24)

A life free from physical work (Genesis 3:17)

Answers to all our questions (Hebrews 11:1)

Wealth and prosperity (Matthew 19:24)



# God is sovereign

Don't build in vain

Habakkuk 1:5

“Look at the nations and watch— and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. Habakkuk 1:5





# God is sovereign

**Sovereign:**

**Noun: a supreme ruler, especially a monarch.**

**Adjective: possessing supreme or ultimate power**



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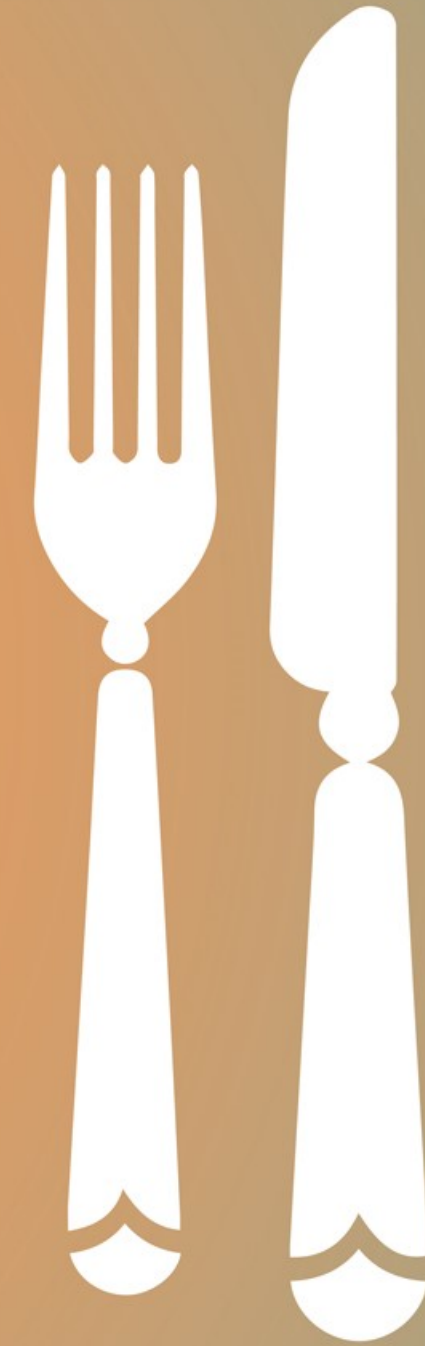
Psalm 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain.





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# Unpack

your bags and boxes and paint the walls

**Habakkuk 2:1**

**Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald (whoever reads it) may run with it.**





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# Plan for the future you have

And not the one you are waiting for

**Habakkuk 2:5**

Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples.





# Plan for the future you have

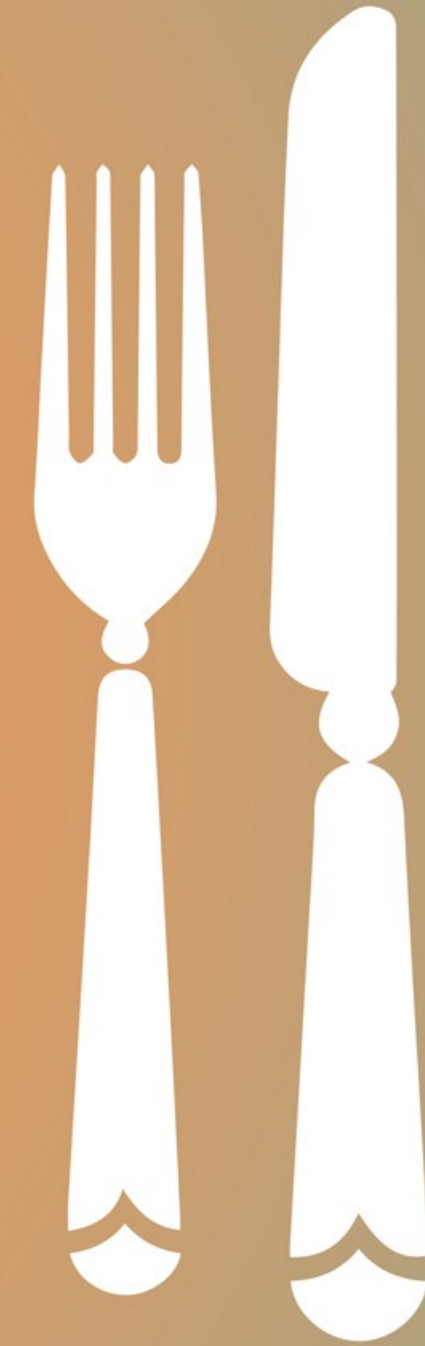
God will honour you

Matthew 6:34 The Message

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes



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# Don't make an idol of the promise

Focus on the one who made the promise

**Habakkuk 2:3**

**For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.**





# Don't make an idol of the promise

Focus on the one who made the promise

Exodus 20:4

You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.





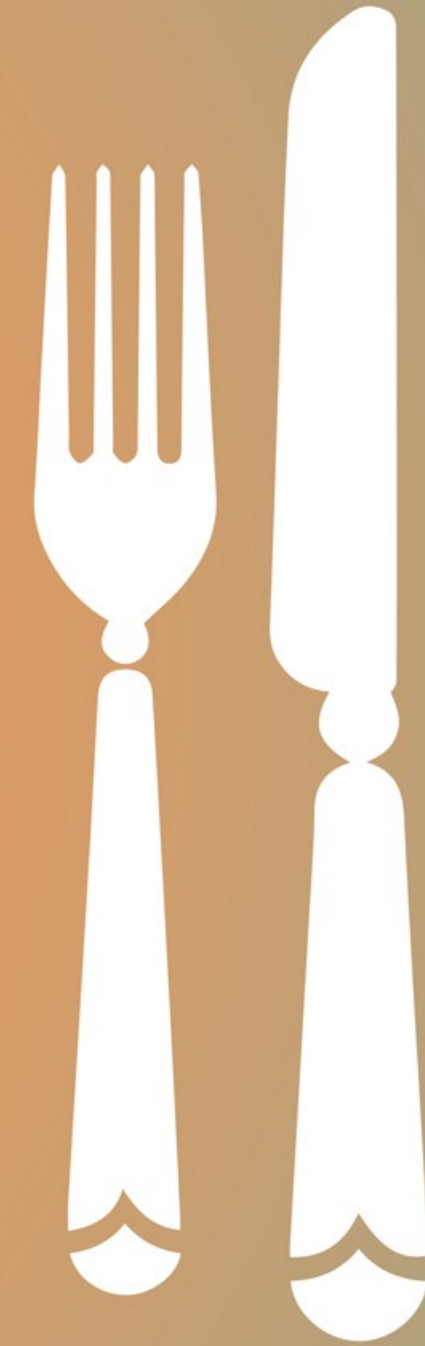
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How we feel about the promise shouldn't be affected by the method.



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## Habakkuk 3:17-19

17-19 Though the cherry trees don't blossom and the strawberries don't ripen,  
Though the apples are worm-eaten and the wheat fields stunted,  
Though the sheep pens are sheepless and the cattle barns empty,  
I'm singing joyful praise to GOD. I'm turning cartwheels of joy to my Saviour God.  
Counting on GOD's Rule to prevail, I take heart and gain strength.  
I run like a deer. I feel like I'm king of the mountain!





# God's Waiting room

- Remember God is Sovereign  
Trust in His sovereignty
- Unpack your bags and boxes and paint the walls  
Settle down while we wait
- Plan for the future you have now  
And try not to be anxious about tomorrow
- Don't make an idol of the promise  
Keep an eye on yourself and trust those around you to keep you accountable





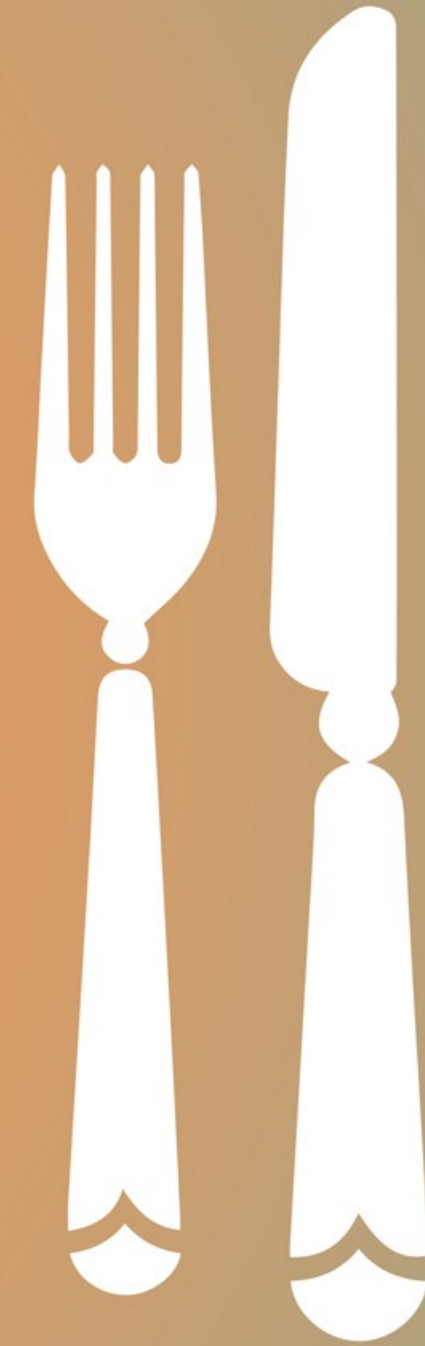
# God's waiting room

When the waiting gets tough...

Choose Joy



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