The Harness Devotional

9 November – 14 November, 2026

Faith and Patience

Verse: Hebrews 6:11-12

"We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised." (NIV)

Song of the Week: "Take Courage" by Kristene DiMarco (Bethel Music)
This song directly echoes the themes of Habakkuk 2 and Lamentations 3. It reminds us that *"He's in the waiting"* and encourages our hearts to take courage because *"He's never failed, and He won't start now."* It beautifully captures the shift from despair to hopeful expectation.

Monday: The Watchtower of Prayer

Scripture: *"I will stand my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me…"* — Habakkuk 2:1

Reflection: Waiting on God is not passive; it is an active posture. Habakkuk didn't walk away when he was confused by God's timeline; he climbed to the watchtower to expect an answer. When you are waiting, don't disengage. Station yourself in prayer and stay alert to how God is moving.

Prayer: Lord, give me the strength to stay at my watchtower. Help me to wait expectantly for Your voice even when the silence feels heavy.

Tuesday: The Appointed Time

Scripture: *"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."* — Habakkuk 2:3

Reflection: What feels like a delay to us is perfect orchestration to God. He has already set an "appointed time" for your breakthrough, your healing, or your direction. If a promise seems slow in arriving, it isn't because God has forgotten; it is because the time isn't fully ripe.

Prayer: Father, help me accept that Your calendar is wiser than mine. I trust that what You have promised will arrive exactly on time.

Wednesday: Finding Mercy in the Pit

Scripture: *"He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship... He has walled me in so I cannot escape; he has weighed me down with chains."* — Lamentations 3:5, 7

Reflection: Jeremiah's waiting season felt like a prison. He felt trapped, heavy, and surrounded by darkness. It is okay to admit to God that waiting hurts. God does not demand that we fake our happiness during a trial; He wants us to bring our raw, honest pain directly to Him.

Prayer: Lord, you know how heavy this waiting season feels. Thank you that I can be completely honest with You when my patience wears thin.

Thursday: Re-routing Your Thoughts

Scripture: *"Yet this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* — Lamentations 3:21-23

Reflection: Mid-way through his lament, Jeremiah makes a conscious choice to pivot. He stops looking at his problems and forces himself to **call to mind** God's character. Hope returns when we deliberately shift our focus from the length of the wait to the depth of God's faithfulness.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, interrupt my anxious thoughts today. Remind my soul of Your track record of faithfulness and Your mercies that greet me every single morning.

Friday: Quiet Waiting

Scripture: *"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."* — Lamentations 3:25-26

Reflection: Quiet waiting means laying down our striving, our manipulation, and our constant complaints. It means letting go of the need to control the outcome. We develop a unique goodness and spiritual maturity only when we learn to sit silently in God's presence, confident that He is saving us.

Prayer: Lord, quiet my restless heart. Teach me the beauty of sitting still before You, knowing that You are fighting for me even when I cannot see it.

Saturday: Living by Faith

Scripture: *"See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness."* — Habakkuk 2:4

Reflection: Ultimately, waiting comes down to trust. Will we try to push ahead in our own pride and strength, or will we live by faith? A life of faith means trusting God's heart when you cannot trace His hand. The waiting room of life is actually a greenhouse where real, unwavering faith grows deep.

Prayer: Jesus, I choose to live by faith today. I anchor my soul in Your unchanging character rather than my changing circumstances. Amen.