

Hope Carpenter: Why God May Be Making You Wait for Your Harvest

A dangerous place lies between the promise and the fulfillment. It's called the wait.

Pastor Hope Carpenter has a message for believers who know God spoke and gave them a vision, yet still cannot see the evidence of what He promised: Don't quit before your harvest comes.

In her message, "Don't Sleep on Your Harvest," Carpenter challenged believers to stop confusing delay with denial, warning that God's promises often require something increasingly unpopular in an instant-gratification culture: endurance.

"The greatest test of a vision isn't receiving the vision. It's surviving the wait," Carpenter says.

That wait, however, begins with knowing that the vision actually came from God.

Pointing to Habakkuk, Carpenter notes that before the prophet wrote the vision, he positioned himself to hear from the Lord. In other words, believers cannot simply manufacture their own plans, slap God's name on them and expect heaven to bankroll their ambitions.

"Vision is not manufactured. It's revealed," she says.

That distinction matters. Carpenter warns that people can make decisions out of wounds, dysfunction, desires and generational patterns instead of the Holy Spirit's direction. Sometimes what looks like a dream may actually be an attempt to fill a

void God never intended that thing to fill.



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And once God does give the vision? Prepare to wait.

Carpenter breaks the process into four stages: conception, development, appointed time and fulfillment.

"Delay is not denial. It's not a no," she says.

Drawing from Galatians 6:9, Carpenter reminds believers that Scripture promises a harvest "in due season" to those who refuse to give up. The problem comes when Christians become so desperate to see the promise that they attempt to force the season.

Using pregnancy as an analogy, Carpenter warns that something arriving prematurely can bring complications. Likewise, trying to rush a word from God can cause unnecessary pain when God is still working behind the scenes—and inside the person carrying the promise.

There may even be another uncomfortable reason for the delay: God is preparing you to handle what you've been asking Him to give you.

"God's building something in us," Carpenter says. "He's trying to mature us. He's trying to grow us so that we can be able to handle the harvest properly."

That means the waiting room is not a wasted room.

David tended sheep before ruling Israel. Joseph served prisoners before standing before Pharaoh. Carpenter's message is simple: Keep doing the last thing God told you to do.

"Waiting means remaining faithful," she says.

So when circumstances contradict the promise, Carpenter urges believers to stay anchored in what God has spoken—His Word, worship, prayer, consecration and faithful Christian community.

The harvest may not be visible yet. The prodigal may not have come home. The door may not have opened. The breakthrough may still seem impossibly far away.

But “not yet” does not automatically mean “never.”

Carpenter’s final declaration is one weary believers may need to carry into their own waiting season:

“We’re waiting, but we ain’t worried.”

Don’t throw away your confidence just because the calendar doesn’t match the promise. If God is still working, the story isn’t over—and this may be the season when He is preparing both the harvest and you for what comes next.

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