

**Faith's Position: I Will Seek the Lord!**  
**Text: Habakkuk 1:12-2:1**  
**April 20, 2024**

**Big Idea: God is over your struggle, so seek Him in it by faith.**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

**Question #3 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?*

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

**Question #4**

Discuss with your group the following as we journey through Habakkuk...

- a) What is the main theme of Habakkuk?
- b) What are you most looking forward to about this book?
- c) What things have you found most helpful about the book so far?
- c) What questions do you have about this book?
- d) How do you want to grow in your relationship with Jesus through this book?
- e) Spend time praying personally and as a group asking the Lord to prepare your hearts for this series.

In my struggle, I must seek the Lord...

**Point 1: PRAISE Him CONFIDENTLY (v. 12)**

*Question: In the struggle, faith remembers rightly who God is. Will you praise Him first?*

**Question #5**

- a) **Rd v. 12:** After hearing how God would deal with the wickedness of Judah, how does Habakkuk respond?
- b) What attributes of God does Habakkuk praise God for in his confusion and struggle?
- c) What attributes of God have you found to be most helpful in the trials you've gone through?
- d) Why is a 'praise first' response to the Lord essential if we are to stand in faith in the struggle?
- e) How do you usually respond first in the trial, struggle or confusion? Why?
- f) Spend time together in adoration before the Lord praising Him for who He is.

**Point 2: CRY to Him AUTHENTICALLY (vv. 13-17)**

*Question: When questions arise, so must prayer. Will you cry out to the Lord?*

**Question #6**

- a) **Rd. vv. 13-17:** Why is Habakkuk struggling in His faith upon hearing God's plan?
- b) Describe from the text how Habakkuk laments his struggle to the Lord.
- c) Why are we often hesitant to approach the Lord this way?
- d) What struggles/trials do you have right now that you must authentically bring before the Lord?
- e) Spend time in prayer for one another bringing your struggles/trials before Him

**Point 3: LISTEN to Him INTENTLY (2:1)**

*Question: Faith clings to God's Word and waits for Him. Will you take your stand and listen?*

**Question #7**

- a) **Rd 2:1:** How does Habakkuk respond after His prayer to the Lord?
- b) Why is waiting upon the Lord taking a stand of courageous faith in the struggle/trial?
- c) Why is it essential for us to press into God's Word and wait for Him?

**Question #8**

*"It's never a question of God's ability, it's always a question of your availability."*

- a) What are the hindrances to your availability in waiting upon the Lord?
- b) What are some lies we are believing when we let other things (even good ones) drown Him out?
- c) What is one next step you can take this week to cling to God's Word and wait upon Him?
- d) Spend time in prayer for one another for part 'c' & follow up with each other during the week.

**Prayer Application**

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: Lord, You are \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Lord, I confess i) Not remembering that You are \_\_\_\_\_ in my trial. ii) Not crying out to You in \_\_\_\_\_. iii) Not waiting on You through Your Word in \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank You that You are over my struggle of \_\_\_\_\_; and will \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Lord, I ask for: i) 'Praise first' response in \_\_\_\_\_. ii) More prayer in my struggle of \_\_\_\_\_. iii) Faith to wait on You when \_\_\_\_\_.

*Memory Verse:*

*"...but the righteous shall live by his faith."-Habakkuk 2:4b*

