

Faith's Confidence: God Will Prevail!
Text: Habakkuk 2:2-20
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Big Idea: God will make it right, but you must trust in Him.

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?

When my trust is in the Lord, I will trust...

Point 1: His PERFECT WORD: It's Right (vv. 2-5)

Question: To live by faith, you must trust God's Word above all else. What are you trusting in?

Question #4

- a) **Rd vv. 2-5:** What does the Lord tell Habakkuk to do in response to Habakkuk's second lament?
- b) Why was this such an essential first step for Habakkuk to do?
- c) What were the 3 crucial truths about His Word that the Lord declares here?
- d) Which of these truths do you struggle with the most in believing? Why?

Question #5

Note: Please use your fruit to root diagram to complete the following question.

- a) What cheap substitutes are you most tempted to put your trust in over God's Word?
- b) When are you most tempted to do this?
- c) What fruits are evidenced when you're misplacing your trust in that moment?
- d) What are you thinking in those moments? (Lies)
- e) What is it that you really want in those moments? (Worldly Treasure)
- f) What Gospel Treasure needs to replace that worldly treasure?
- g) What Gospel Truth needs to replace the lies?
- h) What Gospel fruit comes from standing firm on the gospel?
- i) Repent of each worldly level (fruit, lies & idols) & spend time in prayer together for Gospel Treasure, truth and fruits to replace those.

Point 2: His PERFECT JUSTICE: It's Coming (vv. 6-17)

Question: God will not miss a thing. Will you trust in His perfect justice?

Question #6

- a) What does God tell Habakkuk He will do to the Chaldeans as a result of their wickedness?
- b) Do you find it difficult to trust in God's perfect timing to bring His perfect justice? Why/why not?
- c) How does it impact you knowing that God sees all, and will not miss even 1 part of 1 sin, but will bring all to perfect justice?

Question #7

- a) Describe how the cross of Jesus Christ perfectly displayed the perfect justice of God against sin?
- b) How should this fuel our faith that God will bring His justice against all evil?
- c) Where is your heart burdened to see the Lord's justice brought? Spend time calling out to Him for that. Use Scripture to fuel your prayers together.

Point 3: His PERFECT NATURE: He's Holy (vv. 18-20)

Question: God rules with perfect holiness. Will you humble yourself and worship Him?

Question #8

- a) **Rd vv. 18-20:** What does God mean when He calls idols "teachers of lies"?
- b) What distinction does God make when He compares Himself (v. 20) to the created idols of the world (vv. 18-19)?
- c) What idols are you most tempted to say, "Awake" & "Arise" to in your life as you worship them?
- d) Based on these verses, what is the best that you can hope from those things?
- e) Spend time repenting of your idols before the Lord & beg God to increase your faith in Him to worship Him alone.

Prayer Application

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

- a) REVERENCE before God: Lord, You alone are worthy of my worship because _____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Lord, I confess i) Not trusting Your Word when _____ ii) My unbelief in your perfect justice when _____ iii) Worshipping the idol of _____ over You.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank You for Your perfect justice through the Gospel that has _____.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Lord, I ask for: i) Deepening faith in Your Word ii) Your justice in the situation of _____ iii) Clarity of the idols I worship; and the faith to worship You alone.

Memory Verse:

*"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."
-Habakkuk 2:14*

