

**TWO PATHS
HABAKKUK 2
4-21-24**

Habakkuk 2:1 - "I will take my stand at my watch post and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint."

I. HABAKKUK'S POSITION

~ **Watching and waiting on the Lord**

II. GOD ANSWERS

Habakkuk 2:2 - "And the LORD answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.'"

A. His response is gentle and gracious

B. Make the vision clear so everyone can understand it

Habakkuk 2:3 - "For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay."

Habakkuk 2:4 - "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

III. TWO WAYS

A. Way of PRIDE

1. Pride is a cancerous "tumor" to our souls
2. Ultimate pride – making ourselves a god

~ We desire control

B. Way of FAITH

1. Justified (declared righteous) by faith

Romans 3:28 - "For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law."

2. Sanctified (become Christlike) by faith

Romans 10:17 - "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

3. Our faith is not blind if we have God's Word

IV. GOD'S PLAN

A. He will judge wicked Babylon

B. God's hidden purposes

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

C. God was using the captivity to make Himself known to the ENTIRE earth

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. How does a Christian live by faith in our world today? What are some examples from your own life of walking by faith and not by sight?
3. What did this walk by faith moment in your life teach you about God? How did it encourage you to walk by faith more?
4. What are some things that we can do to increase our faith walk in this life?

READ JAMES 2:20-23

5. What is James saying about faith in this passage?
6. How do we demonstrate our faith in the world today?
7. Why is pride such a dangerous thing to our relationship with God? How does it hinder us walking by faith?
8. In Chapter 1 and 2 of Habakkuk, what is God revealing to Habakkuk (and us) about Himself? How does that encourage you as you face difficulty?
9. In Habakkuk 2:14 God was going to make Himself known in the Earth through the captivity. How has God used difficulty in your life to make more of Himself known to you or others?
10. Knowing that God can use difficulty to glorify His name...how does this encourage you as you face difficulty?

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

- Pray for our Church and the many families who are hurting here in our church.
 - It feels like in this past week that many members of our body have found themselves wrestling with very difficult issues (Health issues, family dynamics, job loss, marital strife, and discouragement)
 - Maybe even some people in your community groups are wrestling...
- Pray that God would be magnified and glorified through difficulty.
- Pray that God would increase the faith of our church through these difficulties.
- Pray for these various members to be strengthened for the hurdles they are facing.