

## Faithful living in the midst of uncertainty.

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# HABAKKUK

Living by Faith in Troubled Times

The sovereign God is my source of strength Hab. 3:19

**Habakkuk 2:1-4** I will take my stand at my watchpost 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.

<sup>2</sup> And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

### **1. Faithful people don't let their questions turn them into quitters.**

Habakkuk 2:1 *I will keep watching*, so I can see what he says to me and can know how I should answer when He counters my argument.

“If you're on guard duty, it doesn't matter whether you feel badly. It doesn't matter whether you're sleepy. It doesn't matter whether you're bored. It doesn't really matter how you feel. It doesn't matter your circumstances. You may not leave your post. You can't. The whole city could be lost. You can't say, “Well, you know, I've been up here day after day. There have never been any enemies. I'm going to knock off early.” Or, “I'm tired. I'm bored.” It doesn't matter. You cannot leave your post. You must do your duty. This is Habakkuk's way of showing us that even though he is struggling with God, he is struggling enormously with God. He is asking God some really hard questions, but he will not leave his post.” -Tim Keller “*Waiting and Living by Faith*” 5/10/09

“The emphasis in modern times on instant gratification has left us depleted and anemic in our faith... We are secretly discouraged and doubtful when we don't see immediate evidence of His work to suit our personally designed timetable.”

- Priscilla Shire, “*Discerning the Voice of God*” Page 174.

### **2. Faithful people are ready to confess when they are wrong.**

Habakkuk 2:1 I will keep watching, so I can see what he says to me and can know *how I should answer when He counters my argument*.

### **3. Faithful people expect to learn, are ready to share what they know, and are patient.**

Habakkuk 2:2-3 *Write down* this vision; clearly inscribe it on tablets so one may easily read it... If it seems slow, *wait for it*; it will surely come

### **4. Real faithfulness flows from trusting in the work of Jesus.**

Hebrews 12:2-3 fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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