

Little is known about the prophet Habakkuk. He likely wrote his prophecy around the end of Josiah's reign around 610 B.C., 20ish years before the destruction of Judah by the Babylonian (Chaldean) Empire in 587 B.C..

Habakkuk's 1st Complaint	1:1-4	Habakkuk's 1st Complaint	1:12-17	God's 2nd Answer	2:1-20	Habakkuk's Prayer of Trust	3:1-19
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Habakkuk's dialogue with God contains wonderfully relevant truths for God's people struggling with inexplicable circumstances in every age . . .

Chapter 1: Be Careful What You Ask For! (6:8)

Habakkuk asks God the questions we all ask . . .

1. HOW LONG, Lord? (1:2)
2. WHERE ARE YOU, Lord? (1:2)
3. WHY, Lord? (1:3)

- Sometimes God acts in UNEXPECTED ways. (1:5-11)
- Sometimes it seems to us like God's ACTIONS don't line up with His CHARACTER. (1:12-17)

Chapter 2: The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

Faith is how we are declared righteous and live . . .

- even when we don't UNDERSTAND what God is doing.
- even when we don't LIKE what God is doing.

Chapter 3: A Prayer of Trust

1. SUBMIT to God's PURPOSES. (3:1-2)
2. PLEAD for God's MERCY. (3:2)
3. REMEMBER God's FAITHFULNESS. (3:15)
4. Take JOY in the God of your SALVATION. (3:16-19)

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Questions for Growth Groups



CONNECTING with one another

In this 5th week of Spring Growth Groups, take time to connect and share life together. To get the conversation going you might ask this question . . .

If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have?

GRAPPLING with God's Word

1. How did you “come under” God's Word in the text and message this week? Did anything jump out at you or stick with you from the message?
2. In Chapter 1, what question does Habakkuk ask and what is his response to the answer God gives?
3. We all have instances in our lives where God has allowed things to happen that we don't like or understand. Share one of those experiences in your life.
4. In 2:4, what is the essence of the answer to Habakkuk's second question and what does it mean?

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5. Read Chapter 3. It is truly extraordinary. Habakkuk shows us how to trust God no matter what our circumstances. So how does he do it? Without looking at the outline, where does he submit to God's purposes, plead for God's mercy, remember God's faithfulness and take joy in the God of his salvation? Do you think this is practical and possible in the circumstances that we face and in light of the Gospel?

6. How is the cross the ultimate example of God “in wrath remembering mercy”?

PRAYING together

Follow Habakkuk's pattern and practice prayers of trust as you pray for one another.

This Week's Household/Family Worship Challenge

Beyond your Growth Group, this week grab one opportunity as a household/family (roommates, spouses, kids, grandkids) to pray together using Habakkuk's pattern of submitting to God's purposes, pleading for God's mercy, remembering God's faithfulness and taking joy in the God of your salvation.