

## GROWING FAITH

Habakkuk 1.12-2.5

### TALKING BACK

Habakkuk initially has a complaint to God and receives a shocking answer: God is raising up a wicked nation in order to discipline God's very own people! Habakkuk doesn't quite know how to file this news, and so he boldly replies with a second complaint.

However, as he "talks back" to Him, Habakkuk goes with a certain acknowledgment and humility, even recognizing that he knows he is going to be rebuked.

### "I SEE YOU WORKING"

One thing that Habakkuk does that is helpful to both him and to us, is he backs up and starts with what he knows as truth. He can't comprehend how God would have this kind of a plan, and rather than just argue with presumption, he steps back, takes a deep breath, and says, "okay...I know you are eternal, holy, and pure...so let me try to understand this through that lens."

Habakkuk is working out his faith. It's awkward, he is uncomfortable, but he is working. He's grappling. And God is gracious to meet him there in his desire for understanding.

### THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH

Ultimately, God desires us to have our trust and faith in Him. Not in comfort, or what we perceive as blessing, but faith in Him as our Rock, our eternal one.

### **God's purposes are not equal to God's approval.**

Living by faith does *not* mean we live by *faithfulness*, but *by faith*. This is not to say that our faithfulness has no part in our life or discipleship, but it does mean that we are not measured, loved, accepted, or made worthy by *our faithfulness*, but that the foundation of our trust, identity, acceptance, and worthiness to be called sons and daughters of God is *only* by our faith *in Him*.

2 Corinthians 5.7 // 2 Corinthians 12.9, 10

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 67:1-2

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Habakkuk 1.12-2.5. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Learning how to preach to yourself the truth of God is of utmost importance. What are ways that you preach to yourself the things that *you know* are truth about God that shape how you pray when you are grappling with certain circumstances?

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Repent and Ask for Provision

Have you ever argued or complained to God? Are your complaints weighted with humility and a seeking to understand, or is it more out of discontentment and disapproval of His orchestrating of your life? What might you add to your "complaints" that you have learned from Habakkuk?

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Your Life Mission

Understanding God and the way He works in this world is a helpful tool for counseling, discipleship, and evangelism. We ought to be careful how (and when) we give others our thoughts on God's role in the tragedies in our life, but what opportunities in your life with others who don't know Jesus are coming up that you need prayer for to help you come alongside them and bring them comfort, and maybe, if they are wanting it, biblical insight?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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