

THE GOOD FIGHT

Habakkuk 1:13-2:4

Today is part 2 in our study of “HABAKKUK: THE STRUGGLE.” He was burdened about the sin that was going on all around him and cried out, “*Lord, I’m confused.*” God’s answer that He would send the Babylonians to judge Judah left him feeling, “*Lord, I’m more confused.*” God’s response called him and calls us to the great solution, to “fight the good fight of FAITH” (1 Tim. 6:12).

I. ***Struggle!* THE DILEMMA CREATED BY GOD’S PLAN (1:13-17).**

- A. The Struggle with God’s Silence (13)
- B. The Lament over Man’s Evil (14-16)
- C. The Question about God’s Timing (17; 1:2)

II. ***Solution!* THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH (2:1-4).**

- A. Wait in Faith (2:1).
- B. Hope in Faith (2:2-3).
 - 1. Publicize Your Hope (2)
 - 2. Be Patient in Your Hope (3; Rom. 8:24)
- C. Live by Faith (2:4)
 - 1. The Opposite of Faith (4a)
 - 2. The Life of Faith (4b)
 - 3. Salvation by Faith
 - a. Romans 1:16-17 Faith in the Gospel provides righteousness.
 - b. Galatians 3:11 Faith contrasts with Self-righteousness.
 - c. Hebrews 10:37-38 Faith perseveres.

PERSONALIZE:

- 1. Have you been saved by faith?
- 2. Does your faith persevere in the real world?
- 3. Fight the good fight OF FAITH!

FOR NEXT TIME—Read Habakkuk 2:5-11, “*Wrath*”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR APRIL 23, 2023

1. What aspects of God plan in our world cause you to struggle?
 - a. The Struggle with God's Silence? (Habakkuk 1:13)
 - b. The Lament over Man's Evil? (1:14-16)
 - c. The Question about God's Timing? (1:17; 1:2)
2. Read Habakkuk 2:1-4. How is God asking you to "Wait in Faith (2:1)... Hope in Faith (2:2-3)... or Live by Faith (2:4)?"
3. Read the three New Testament quotes of Habakkuk 2:4. Which of these truths about salvation by faith in Christ alone is most comforting or most challenging to you?
 - a. Romans 1:16-17 Faith in the Gospel provides righteousness.
 - b. Galatians 3:11 Faith contrasts with self-righteousness.
 - c. Hebrews 10:37-38 Faith perseveres.
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:12. Where in life do you feel that the Christian life is truly "the good fight of faith" which we must fight by trusting God daily?
5. Two weeks from tonight is "Life Group Report Night" on May 7 at 6:30 PM. What does your LG need to do to finish your service project and be ready to report?