

## A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

Habakkuk: Live By Faith

Habakkuk 2:1-4

Slide 2:

Habakkuk 2:1-4 (ESV)

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.

And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so he may run who reads it.

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.

Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

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Habakkuk = "embrace"

Slide 3:

Complaint #1 : "God, why do you allow your people to stray and abuse truth?"

God's Answer: "I am fed up as well. The Babylonians have been ordained to judge my people."

Complaint #2: "What!?! They are worse than we are?"

God's Answer: "They will come to an end as well. You can't understand, just trust me."

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Theme of Habakkuk = Live By Faith

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How can we live by faith?

I. Wait on the Lord

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*"For still the vision awaits its appointed time;*

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Two Key Aspects of "Waiting."

1) Trusting in a Word or Character of God

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2) Humble Admission that We are Not Omniscient

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How can we live by faith?

I. Wait on the Lord

II. Act like a Sentry

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*"I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower"*

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Two Key Aspects of a Sentry

1) Get Perspective/Context/Vision

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Romans 8:18 (ESV)

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

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Two Key Aspects of a Sentry

1) Get Perspective/Context/Vision

2) Lean into Duty/Obedience

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How can we live by faith?

I. Wait on the Lord

II. Act like a Sentry

III. Want the Right Thing

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Habakkuk 3:18-19 (ESV)

*yet I will rejoice in the LORD;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.  
GOD, the Lord, is my strength*

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How can we live by faith?

- I. Wait on the Lord
- II. Act like a Sentry
- III. Want the Right Thing
- IV. Cultivate Joyful Worship

Slide 17:

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (ESV)

*Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in the LORD;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.*

Slide 18:

We were saved by the Joy of Christ!

## **B. GROUP RESOURCE**

- 1) What does it mean to you to "live by faith?"
- 2) How would we know if we are "waiting on the Lord" in a healthy way? When might it be laziness or avoidance? To what does anxiety alert us?
- 3) Why is the idea of thinking or acting like an enlisted serviceperson helpful in times of uncertainty or confusion, or even hardship?
- 4) Why is it important to check our desires? Is it possible to want a lot of things more than God Himself and not even be aware? Why is that so dangerous?
- 5) How is joy different than happiness? Read Hebrews 12:2. Did Jesus go to the cross happy, or with joy, and what distinguishes those characteristics?
- 6) Prayer and praise