

# Discussion Questions



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## Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. **God has a master plan with only one outcome** - He is the Alpha and Omega, outside of time, and already knows the ending.
2. **True faith gets in the wheelbarrow** - Belief is loud when theoretical, but real faith requires action and trust.
3. **Come to God with an open hand, not a closed fist** - We must position ourselves to receive from God, not just question Him.
4. **The righteous will live by faith** - Our faith in Jesus sustains us through life's uncertainties.
5. **When we don't understand, we worship** - Surrender is the pathway to peace in uncontrollable circumstances.

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## Discussion Questions

### Understanding the Text

1. **Read Habakkuk 2:1-4.** What does it mean that Habakkuk "stationed himself on the ramparts"? How does this differ from staying "low to the ground" in our circumstances?
2. What does verse 3 teach us about God's timing? How does this challenge our modern expectation for instant answers?

## Personal Reflection

3. **The "open hand vs. closed fist" question:** When you bring your questions and complaints to God, are you coming with an open hand (ready to receive) or a closed fist (already decided)? Can you share an example?
4. Which of the five "woes" mentioned in Habakkuk 2 (unjust economics, slave labor, alcohol abuse, idolatry, etc.) do you see most prevalent in our culture today? How does this affect your faith?
5. **The wheelbarrow question:** What area of your life is God asking you to "get in the wheelbarrow" and trust Him completely? What makes this difficult?

## Application

6. The sermon mentioned that "God cannot heal the things in your life that you're not willing to submit to Christ at the cross." What is something you've been white-knuckling instead of surrendering to God?
7. **Miriam Ibrahim's story:** She said, "I knew that God was with me. I was not afraid." What circumstances in your life require this level of trust right now? What would it look like to pray constantly and trust God through it?
8. The instruction to Blondin's manager was: "Do not lean your own way. Move when I move. Trust me completely." In practical terms, how do we "move when God moves" in our daily lives?

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## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge

Choose one of the following to practice this week:

### **Option 1: The Rampart Practice**

- Set aside 15 minutes daily to "station yourself on the ramparts"
- Get to a higher vantage point spiritually through prayer and Scripture
- Journal what God reveals to you about your current situation

### **Option 2: The Open Hand Prayer**

- Identify one area where you've been coming to God with a "closed fist"
- Practice physically opening your hands during prayer as a symbol of surrender
- Ask God to change your heart, not just your circumstances

### **Option 3: The Worship Response**

- When you face something you don't understand this week, choose to worship instead of worry
- Play worship music, read Psalm 2, or declare God's faithfulness out loud
- Keep a "worship journal" noting how this changes your perspective

### **Option 4: The Surrender List**

- Write down 3-5 things you're trying to control
  - Bring them to God in prayer and symbolically "lay them at the cross"
  - When anxiety returns, remind yourself: "This is not mine to carry"
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## Memory Verse

**Habakkuk 2:3-4** *"For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay... the righteous person will live by his faithfulness."*

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## Closing Reflection Questions

- What is one thing God spoke to you about tonight?
  - What is one step of faith you need to take this week?
  - How can this group pray for you specifically?
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*Remember: The goal is not to have all the answers, but to grow together in faith and trust in a God who holds all the answers.*