

TRUSTING GOD, NO MATTER WHAT- Habakkuk

(Major Messages from Minor Prophets- Part 6)

November 5, 2023

Habakkuk's Complaint: The problem of _____

God's _____ with your questions

Our perspective is _____

Biblical Faith:

What faith is (and isn't)

Faith is fed by _____

Faith produces _____

Fill-ins: evil; OK; limited; remembering and repeating; patience and joy

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(Next Sunday is Zephaniah)

Life Group Questions for the Week of November 5, 2023

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. We saw Sunday that God wants us to be honest with him re: our fears and concerns. When do you think complaining goes too far and becomes whining?

3. What do you think was God's purpose in using ungodly Babylon (Chaldeans) to punish Israel? How might God use terrorists, police states, and scandals in our day? In your life? To what end?

4. We saw Sunday that faith is trusting God even when it makes no sense and nothing works out like "it's supposed to." How do the following passages reinforce the idea that many aspects of God and how he works will always be a mystery to us? Isaiah 45:9-13; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 9:20-21

5. Throughout the Bible, God provides us with motivations to hang on and not quit when life gets difficult. What motivation do you find in the following passages that could help us persevere in difficult times? 1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 12:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:6-8

6. Another example of someone who said "I'll trust you [God] no matter what happens" is Job. Unbeknownst to him, God gave Satan permission to take away his wealth, his ten children and finally his health. In the following passages, how could Job's responses to all his losses help us develop a more realistic and appropriate response to difficult (and seemingly unfair) circumstances we may face in our own life? Job 1:18-22; Job 2:7-10

7. What do you need to remember and recall about God's work in your life as well as throughout history to help you live by faith this week?