



Sermon Discussion Guide

February 8, 2026

Refresh

Read Habakkuk 2:2-20 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

God's response to Habakkuk's frustration at the start of the book was that He will use Babylon as His instrument of judgment, which serves only to deepen Habakkuk's struggle. Can you think of times when God's actions, or seeming inaction, appeared to make your circumstances worse rather than better? How did that affect your faith?

Habakkuk 2:3 emphasizes waiting for God's appointed time, even when it feels slow. What makes waiting on God particularly difficult in seasons of suffering, and what truths help you endure that waiting without losing hope? What are some ways that God has taught you during seasons of waiting amid suffering?

Habakkuk 2:4 contrasts the "puffed up" soul with the righteous who live by faith. In what ways can pride subtly appear in our spiritual lives, and how does that differ from genuine faith?

The statement, "The righteous shall live by faith," shaped Habakkuk, Paul, and Martin Luther, and sparked the Reformation. Why has this phrase had such a profound impact throughout church history? Why do you think this truth is so easily obscured or distorted over time, even within the visible church?

What does it look like for believers to actively live by faith after conversion? How can a believer determine whether they are living by faith or relying on their own abilities? What rhythms could we establish to help us grow in living by faith?

James 1:2-4 and 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 were used to show that deep joy and steadfastness can exist alongside suffering. How does living by faith reshape the way we interpret pain, injustice, and unanswered questions in our lives? What does it look like to pursue joy while enduring suffering?