

## Habakkuk 1:1-2:5 - Pt.1

"The Prophet with a Problem" | April 19th, 2026

### **Review:**

In the sermon this week, we explored how Habakkuk demonstrates what it looks like to bring our honest questions and complaints directly to God. Rather than doubting God's character, Habakkuk questions God's methods while maintaining faith. God responds by revealing His sovereign plan—one that Habakkuk won't like—but calls His prophet to live by faith regardless of circumstances.

### **Key Takeaways:**

1. Prayer is bringing everything to God, not just the polite requests
2. God's ways are higher than our ways—His answers may not match our expectations
3. Questioning God is different from doubting God
4. The righteous live by faith, not by understanding every detail
5. Our godliness must extend beyond church walls into every area of life

### **Practical Applications: What This Means For You** (Choose One or Two to Try This Week)

~ **Honest Prayer:** Set aside time each day to bring your real complaints, questions, and frustrations to God in prayer

~ **Idol Examination:** Ask God to reveal one idol in your life and take a concrete step to dethrone it

~ **Faith Declaration:** Write out truths about God's character to review when circumstances confuse you

~ **Gospel Clarity:** Be prepared to share the Gospel with one person this week using the clear language from this sermon

### **Understanding the Text:**

1. *Think Through It:* The sermon emphasized that we must compare our righteousness to Christ, not to other people. Why is this distinction so important? How does comparing ourselves to others lead us astray?

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2. Read Habakkuk 1:12-17. Even while confused, Habakkuk begins by declaring who God is (v. 12). How does remembering God's character help us in times of confusion or waiting?

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3. Read Habakkuk 2:1-5. Habakkuk takes a posture of watching and waiting (2:1). What spiritual disciplines help you maintain a posture of readiness to hear from God?

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### **Questions for Reflection:**

**1.** How would you describe Habakkuk's tone in his prayer to God? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?

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**2.** The righteous live by faith, not by sight or understanding. What does this look like practically when you're in a season of waiting or confusion?

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**3.** Jonathan Edwards said "God is like a bottomless ocean that we are to enjoy and never cease to enjoy."

a) What circumstances are currently threatening to keep you from enjoying God?

b) Will you pray for yourself to walk more in faith this week?

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### **Scripture Memory: Habakkuk 2:4**

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

### **Learning to Pray:**

- Courage to bring honest prayers to God
- Faith to trust God's plan even when we don't understand
- Strength to live by faith, not by sight
- The church to be marked by godliness that impacts our community
- Anyone who needs to turn to Christ for salvation

### **Family Focus**

For those with families:

- Start a family prayer time where honesty is encouraged—model bringing real concerns to God
- Discuss with your spouse (or family): What does it mean for our home to be marked by godliness?
- Men: Evaluate how you're spiritually leading your household. What's one area you can strengthen?