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Waiting by Faith

Habakkuk 2:1-20



Last week with Declan you were introduced to the struggles that the prophet was experiencing – the question: 'How long Lord? Habakkuk then discovers God's plan is significantly different from his own!

WAITING BY FAITH:

- **Wait and See v.1**

- **Wait and Record v.2**

There is really insightful wisdom here for sharing vision and direction within any church ...*write it down...make it plain!*

- **Wait and Be Patient v.3**

- **Wait and Be Faithful v.4**

'...but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness.'

THE SONG OF TAUNTING CONDEMNATION v.6-20

This comes in a series of five woes or curses (opposite of blessing). The atrocities of the Babylonians are outlined in some detail.

Woe 1 v.6-8

Woe 2 v.9-11

Woe 3 v.12-13

Woe 4 v.15-18

Woe 5 v.19

Back to the key verse in 2.4 *The righteous will live by faith.*

Romans 1.17

Galatians 3.11

Hebrews 10.38

We wait for the day in v.14 when *'the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.'*

We are waiting for Christ to come again ... but as we wait for 'the day' we do so in faith and faithfulness.

Climax of Habakkuk's retreat:

v.20 *The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.*

Questions for reflection and discussion in Growth Groups:

1. How do you imagine Habakkuk waiting for God's answer? Have you ever struggled with waiting for a personal answer from God?
Why is waiting so difficult?
2. Habakkuk is told to write down the vision – in what does this indicate how we are to communicate vision and direction as a church family?
3. There is often a struggle we have with God's timing. How do you wait with patience? Think of some other Biblical characters who struggled with God's timing and what lessons were learnt?
4. Reflect on the five woes mentioned (v.6-20) and in what way do you see similar behaviour in the world today?
5. How do you face the challenge of the key verse (2.4) that the righteous are to live by faith & faithfulness?
What do you learn from the NT use of this verse – Rom 10.17;
Eph 2.8-9; Heb 10.38?
6. In what way is waiting on God an exercise of faith?