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# LIVING BY FAITH

LESSONS FROM HAGGAI & HABAKKUK

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**THE LIFE OF**  
**FAITH**

Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:20

# Outline

## Habakkuk's complaint (1:1-11) *(last week)*

- Q *“Why aren't you punishing Judah?”*
- A *“I am going to use the Chaldeans to do this”*

## Second complaint (1:12 – 2:20)

- Q *“The Chaldeans? They are even worse than Judah!”*
- A *“I am fully aware & in control.”*

# Important verses

# 1 Our role: Hab 2:4 “but the righteous shall live by his faith”

# 2 God’s position: Hab 2:20 “But the LORD is in His holy temple.”

## Key verse #1: Habakkuk 2:4

Habakkuk 2:4 “... *But the righteous will live by his faith [in the true God]*” (AMP)

- Romans 1:17 “*The **righteous** will live by faith*”
- Galatians 3:11 “*The righteous will **live** by faith*”
- Hebrews 10:38 “*The righteous will live by **faith***”

# Meaning

- ❖ Just/righteous = right before God; God-centred
- ❖ Live = everything in life; all of life
- ❖ Faith = attitude + action

# God's awareness: five "woes"

## Abuse rather than use

1. (2:6) Money: *rich by stealing, extortion or oppression*
2. (2:9) Power: *gain control by bringing down others*
3. (2:12) Politics: *using bribery & stand-over tactics*
4. (2:15) Sex: *forbidden sexual conduct*
5. (2:19) Religion: *idol worship*

# Outlook on life

1. **High view**: “For My thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.” (Is 55:8-12) (MEV)
2. **Long view**: “*Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked*” (Psalm 73:17) (NLT)
3. **Short view**: “*But we live by faith, not by what we see.*” (2 Cor 5:7) (CEV)
4. **Ultimate view**: “God may kill me, but still I will trust him.” (Job 13:15) (CEV)

**Why? God is in His temple; still in control**