



***The Righteous  
Shall Live By  
Faith***

***Sermon: Waiting for  
God to Move***

**Habakkuk 1:1-4**

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# Introduction

- Scripture is the *foundation* of the church
- The church is the *guardian* of Scripture



**When a nation...**

- **...turns away from the absolute standard of Scripture, you begin to hear the word crisis**

# A Security Crisis



# A Financial Crisis



# A Management Crisis



# A Nature Crisis



# A Nuclear Crisis



# The Real Crisis...

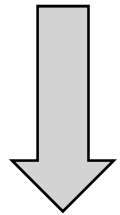
- *...is a crisis of leadership*

# The Times

- **Judah's last four kings were wicked men...the nation was faced with a leadership crisis**

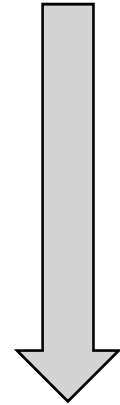
# Summary of the Book

***Habakkuk***  
***1:2***

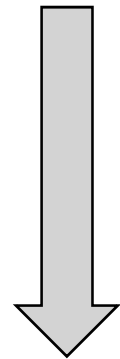


**Strong  
Contrast**

***Habakkuk***  
***3:19***



***Habakkuk***  
***2:4***



# *The Message*

- When we place our confidence in people and things, they will fail us...the people, the things, and eventually our confidence.

# Waiting...

- *...for God to  
move can  
exhaust our  
patience*

# Patience is...

- *...the willingness to suffer so others can grow.*



**Patience says...**

- **...He brought  
me here**



# Patience says...

- ...He's  
keeping me  
while I'm here



**Patience says...**

- **...He is  
teaching me a  
lesson while  
I'm here**



**Patience says...**

- **...in His time  
He will bring  
me out.**

# Remember...

- *...God's desire is to bring out the best in you by burning away the worst in you*

# Waiting...

- *...for God to move can lead to the error of presumption*

# Presumption...

- ...is to conclude that something is true based on evidence that you believe to be credible.

# **You conclude...**

- ...that getting a college degree is not necessary because you succeeded without one.**



# From Habakkuk's...

- **...perspective, God was doing nothing about some very serious problems.**

# Waiting...

- *...for God to move  
can enhance our  
perception*

# Perception...

- ...you must learn to see God's hand in every situation

# We must...

- ...learn to judge *God based on His character and not based on our circumstances.*



# *Lesson #1*

- **History is under God's control**



# *Lesson #2*

- **History follows a divine plan**



# *Lesson #3*

- **History plan is  
inscrutable to  
human  
understanding**



# *Lesson #4*

- **God sometimes uses wicked men and women to accomplish His plan and purpose.**