



Living By Faith In Terrifying Times
Series: *Trusting God in Troubled Times*,
The Book of Habakkuk, #6
Text: Habakkuk 3:1-2
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Living by faith in terrifying times is ...

Believing the truth about God.

1. Habakkuk shows us this is not easy, let alone automatic for believers.
(2a; see also Genesis 3:9-10, 17; Exodus 24:7; 1 Kings 10:1; Proverbs 1:7)
2. Living by faith in our terrifying times also is believing in the truth about God.

Asking God to do His work in your time and world.

1. Habakkuk's prayer for God to act.
(2b; see also 1 Chronicles 17:19; Psalm 80:18; 85:6; Isaiah 57:15))
2. Moving from Habakkuk to ourselves.

Pleading to God for mercy.

1. "In wrath."
(2c; see also Job 37:2; Proverbs 3:11-12; 29:9; Jeremiah 30:23-24)
2. "Remember mercy."
(2c; see also Psalm 103:8-9; Isaiah 49:15-16; Micah 7:18-19)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read Habakkuk 2:4. Now, in light of that, read 3:1-19. How do you see Habakkuk living out the truth of 2:4 in chapter 3? You can move from questions and distress to praise and confidence just as he did.

Tuesday. The first part of Habakkuk's prayer in 3:2 tells us that living by faith in terrible times is believing the truth about God. Review any notes you made on Sunday about his *hearing* and *fearing*. Is there truth about and from God that you know but don't really believe because you are not following it? Live by faith — believe, follow, obey.

Wednesday. In the second phrase of Habakkuk's prayer he asks God to revive His work. That work included judgment on Judah. Are you asking God to work powerfully now in your life and world? Do you trust Him to do that even if it means change and pain?

Thursday. Habakkuk close this brief prayer by pleading to God for mercy. "In wrath remember mercy." Yes, pray for God's mercy for yourself. But living by faith also means praying for God's mercy on others, including those who don't like you, criticize you, or make life difficult for you. This is an essential part of moving on to praise and confidence as you live by faith. How are you doing in this?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 3:3-15. Read and think through this section to prepare for our time together.