

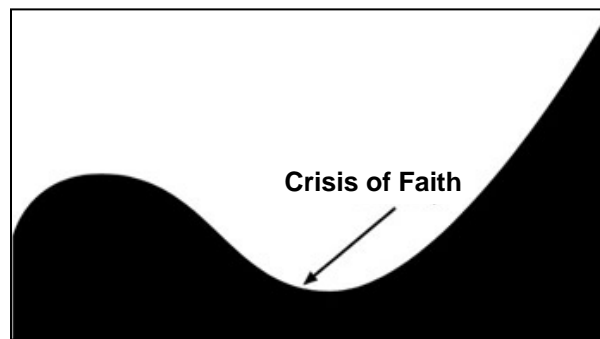
Habakkuk

WHEN GOD SEEMS UNFAIR

Message Two: *In the Dip*

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Habakkuk is in a crisis of faith. In chapter one of his little book, he is annoyed by God's indifference to the woefully sinful condition of Judah, and when God lets him in on what he is going to do, he is perplexed by his response. This sends him into "THE DIP."



We've all been there, and some of us are there right now. So what do we do? Let's see what Habakkuk did.

WHEN YOU ARE IN THE DIP

Habakkuk 2:1-3, *I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. (NIV)*

You need to **listen**.

James 1:2-5, *My Christian brothers, you should be happy when you have all kinds of tests. You know these prove your faith. It helps you not to give up. Learn well how to*

wait so you will be strong and complete and in need of nothing. If you do not have wisdom, ask God for it. He is always ready to give it to you and will never say you are wrong for asking. (NLV)

You need to **write**.

You need to **wait**.

Hebrews 10:35-37, So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord...Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. 'For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.' (NLT)

HOW CAN YOU DO THIS?

Habakkuk 2:4, Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith. (NASV)

In the dip, the only way to live is by **faith**.

Hebrews 11:1-2, The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd. (Msg)

2 Corinthians 5:7, We live by believing and not by seeing. (NLT)

Arrogance and **faith** are mutually exclusive.

THREE WORDS TO REMEMBER

Habakkuk 2:18-20, *“What good is an idol carved by man, or a cast image that deceives you? How foolish to trust in your own creation—a god that can’t even talk! What sorrow awaits you who say to wooden idols, ‘Wake up and save us! To speechless stone images you say, ‘Rise up and teach us!’ Can an idol tell you what to do? They may be overlaid with gold and silver, but they are lifeless inside. But the LORD is in his holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before him.” (NLT)*

Here are your three words:

BUT THE LORD