

**“IN GOD WE TRUST”
Habakkuk**

Pundits tell us our economic downturn reflects a crisis of confidence in the market. Some are hoping in the bail out—some in the election. Who do you trust? How do you move from a crisis of confidence to confidence in crisis?

I. LIFE AND TIMES OF HABAKKUK

A. _____ and Response 1:1-11

B. _____ and Response 1:12-2:20

C. _____ Response 3:1-19

II. LIVING THE TRUTH OF HABAKKUK

A. _____ without _____

B. _____ without _____

C. _____ and _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Habakkuk’s complaint in 1:2-4. Habakkuk is concerned about the unrighteousness of his people. Have you ever wanted God to deal with the unrighteousness of those around you? Who?

2. Habakkuk is shocked that God would use the invasion of the Babylonians to discipline His people. Do you think God could use our economic downturn to help people connect with Him?

3. Does the fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:14 mean more to you than your financial security? Can you “live by faith” (2:4) and trust God as He fulfills His purposes of filling the whole earth with His glory?

4. Summarize Habakkuk’s conclusion in 3:16-19. What would Habakkuk’s contentment and commitment look like in today’s world and in your life?



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THE STORY OF HABAKKUK



I. LIFE AND TIMES OF HABAKKUK

A. Complaint and Response

B. Confusion and Response

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Two things I ask of You, O LORD; do not refuse me before I die; Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown You and say, “Who is the LORD?” Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

Proverbs 30:7-9

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 19:23-24

I. LIFE AND TIMES OF HABAKKUK

A. Complaint and Response

B. Confusion and Response

C. Confident Response

- In God's Control

- In God's Character

- In God's Cause

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II. LIVING THE TRUTH OF HABAKKUK

A. Worship without Worry

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Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.”

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

II. LIVING THE TRUTH OF HABAKKUK

A. Worship without Worry

B. Wait without Whining

C. Watch and Witness

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“God is consistent, but He is also unpredictable. He is consistent in His nature. You always know where you are with God, but you seldom know what He is going to do next. You cannot find security in what God is doing. There is only security in who God is.”

Graham Cook