

Major Words from Minor Prophets - Habakkuk

One of the key themes of the little book of Habakkuk is the 3-letter word

_____.

Habakkuk 1:1-4 The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw. **2** How long, O LORD, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, “Violence!” Yet You do not save. **3** Why do You make me see iniquity, and cause *me* to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; strife exists and contention arises. **4** Therefore the law is ignored and justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted.

1. A crisis calls for _____.

- Crisis first means “A crucial or decisive point or situation; a turning point.
- You could consider a crisis as a crossroad that leads to a decision.

Habakkuk 1:2 How long, O LORD, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, “Violence!” Yet You do not save.

- Romans 5:1-5

2. Faith leads to _____.

Habakkuk 2:1, 4 I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved...Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith.

- Hebrews 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

• Resolve to _____ God

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Isaiah 55:6-7 Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

• Resolve to _____ God

- Our faith leads us to seek God, and when we seek God, our faith grows more.
- Habakkuk had to come to this conclusion: trust the Lord.
- Habakkuk 3:2 LORD, I have heard the report about You *and* I fear, O LORD...
- Habakkuk 3:18-19 Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. **19** The Lord GOD is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds’ *feet*, and makes me walk on my high places.

- **Resolve to _____ God**

Habakkuk 3:2 LORD, I have heard the report about You *and* I fear. O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

John 5:19

3. Resolve leads to a fresh _____.

Habakkuk 1:5 Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! Because *I am* doing something in your days—you would not believe if you were told.

- God wanted Habakkuk to wonder, to ponder Him, to know Him.
- John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Habakkuk 2:18-20 What profit is the idol when its maker has carved it, *or* an image, a teacher of falsehood? For *its* maker trusts in his *own* handiwork when he fashions speechless idols. 19 “Woe to him who says to a *piece of* wood, ‘Awake!’ To a mute stone, ‘Arise!’ *and* that is *your* teacher? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all inside it. 20 “But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him.”