

**Study Questions for the May 2, 2021 Sermon:
“The Righteous Life by Faith”
Habakkuk 1:12-2:5**

1. Habakkuk begins his second lament, not by expressing his fear and outrage, but by contemplating the nature of God:
 - a. What qualities of God does he consider?
 - b. Why do you think he would bring up these qualities?
2. In verse 1:16, Habakkuk says that the Chaldeans have made idols of their military might. Where else in scripture do we see people worshiping an idol, and eventually suffering consequences for their idolatry?
3. Habakkuk did not like God's answer to his question about the fate of Judah. Pastor Paul asked: “What do we do when we do not like God's answer to our questions?” Answer Pastor Paul's question. If you can, use a personal example.
4. In verse 2:4, Habakkuk declares “the righteous shall live by his faith.”, a favorite verse of the Apostle Paul and Martin Luther. Share a time you could not see any way out of a predicament and had to live by faith.
5. How might you use the book of Habakkuk to answer someone who says that the Old Testament teaches justification by good works and the New Testament teaches justification by faith?
6. Reading Habakkuk 2:1 in the New King James version, how did Habakkuk demonstrate a good attitude toward questioning God?

I will stand my watch
And set myself on the rampart,
And watch to see what He will say to me,
And what I will answer when I am corrected.