

Live fueled by faith in Jesus Christ.

“The ability to calm your soul and wait before God is one of the most difficult things in the Christian life. Our old nature is restless. The world around us is frantically in a hurry but a restless heart usually leads to a reckless life.” – Warren Wiersbe

Habakkuk 2:1-4

I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ² And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Waiting on God

- Look with expectancy instead of sitting in cynicism. 2:1 *I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.*
- Be open to surprises – 2:2 *And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.*

“The men doing vital things of life are those who read the Bible.”

– Booker T. Washington

- Slow doesn't mean No – 2:3 *For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.*
- Pride puffs up but is powerless – 2:4a *“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,*
- Live fueled by faith in Jesus Christ – 2:4b *but the righteous shall live by his faith.*

What is faith?

- Faith is not checking your brain at the door.
- Faith is not burying your head in the sand.
- Faith is a gift from God that we deploy by trusting Him.

“Faith...gives fullness to reason.” – Gregory of Nazianzus¹

Romans 1:17 *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

“Here I felt that I was altogether reborn and had entered through open gates into Paradise itself.” – Martin Luther²

Galatians 3:11 *Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

¹ Everett Ferguson, *Church History Volume 1: From Christ to Pre-Reformation* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005), 1:215, *Orations* 29.21.

² *Preface to the Complete Edition of Luther's Latin Writings*, 1545, WA, 186. In, F. Edward Cranz, “Martin Luther,” *Reformers in Profile* (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 1967), 94-95.