

Text: Habakkuk 1:12—2:1
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Living By Faith in a Perplexing World (part 2)

The Goal for today's message is to understand that real faith is a living, growing faith that is constantly trying to understand the world in which we live in light of God's character and God's revealed plan for not only our lives, but also His plan for all of human history.

- 1) Real Faith embraces the fact that not all of life's questions will be answered (1:1—4)
- 2) Real Faith embraces the fact that not all of God's ways will be understood (1:5—11)
- 3) Real Faith embraces the fact that you will struggle with the character of God versus the reality of the world in which you live (1:12—2:1)
 - a. Stop and think.
 - b. Remind yourself of who God is (12).
 - c. Apply the Character and Works of God to the problem (13—17).
 - d. Commit the Problem to God in Faith (2:1).

Four truths about history:

1. History is under Divine Control
2. History follows a Divine Plan
3. History follows a Divine Timetable
4. History is bound up with the Divine Kingdom

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see how this can be done.

1. How did this sermon call you to "believe the gospel?" What Biblical truths were presented that you need to believe? How does this passage of Scripture affect the way you believe the gospel and therefore in how you live your life?

2. In what specific ways do you face the temptations described in this sermon? How does the gospel confront those temptations? How can you not only obey moralistically, but to obey in light of the gospel?

3. As you seek to apply these truths in your own life, think of one other person in your life that may benefit from thinking through these issues with you. What are some ways you can disciple this person in this area?
