



**How Can You Do That,
Lord?**



Habakkuk's *Message* in 1:12 – 2:5



**God stretches us so that
we will more faithfully live
by trusting Him and His
plan for history.**

Faith stretched

1st complaint & God's reply (1:1-11)

Faith stretched further

2nd complaint & God's reply (1:12-2:5)

Faith assured

Woe to arrogant Babylon (2:6-20)

Faith put into action

Habakkuk's Prayer (3:1-19)



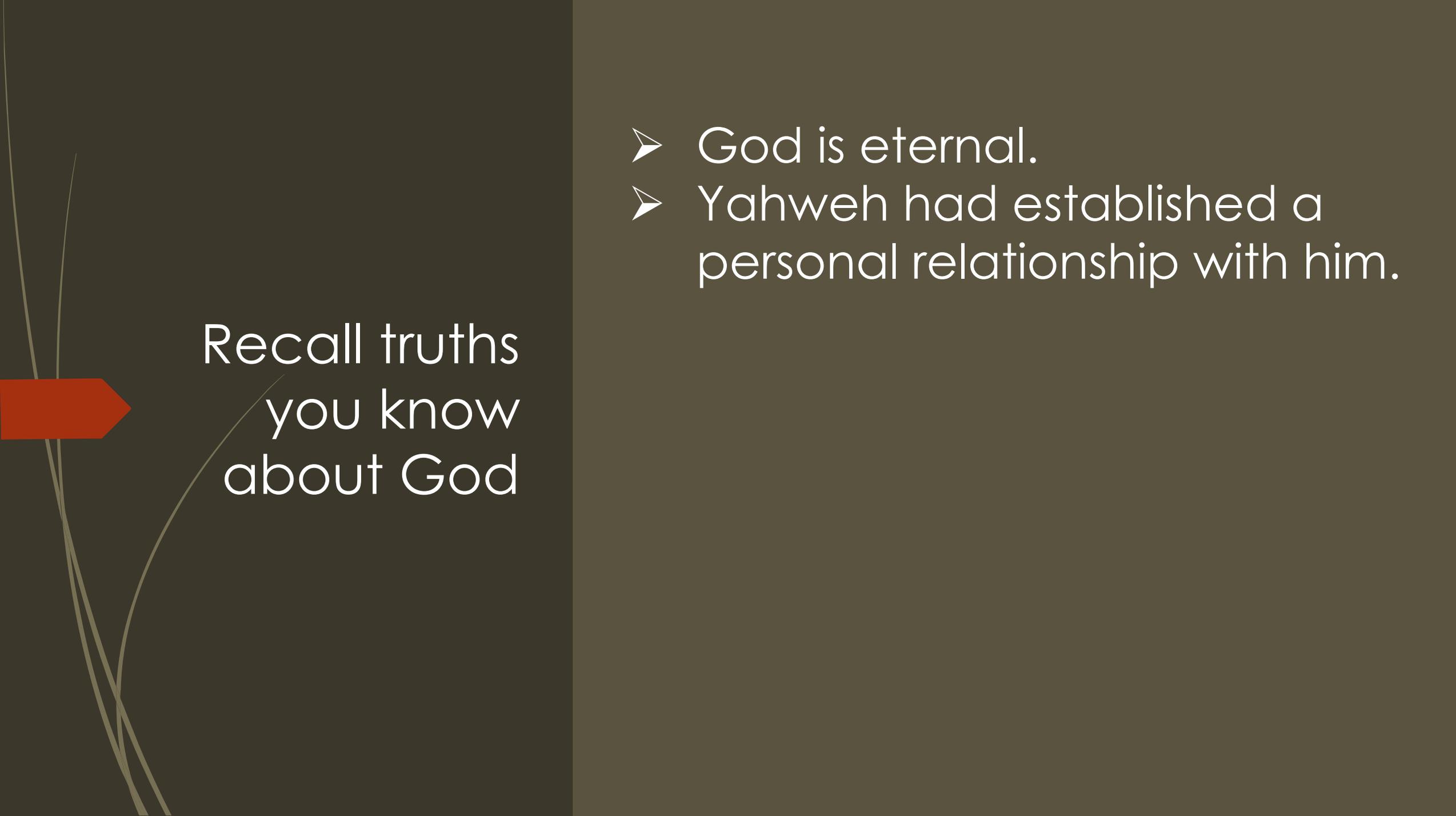
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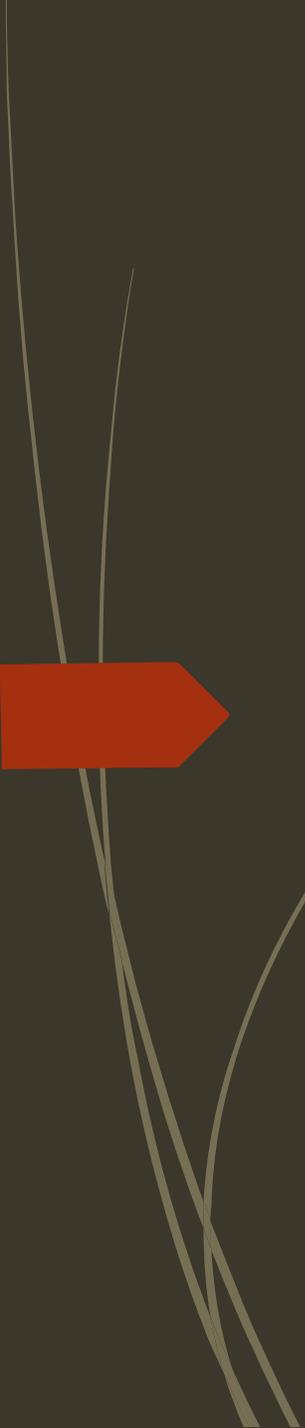
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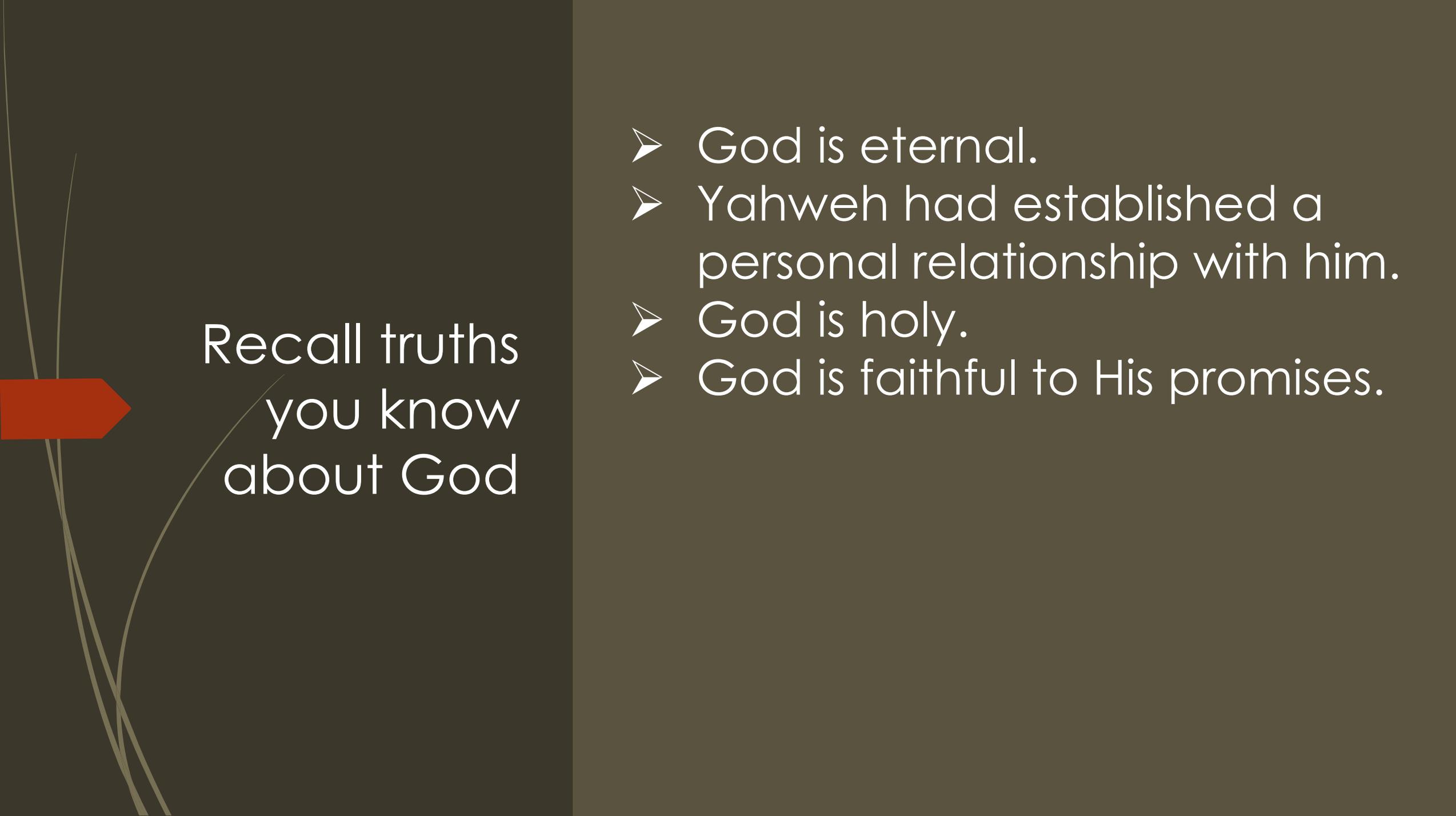
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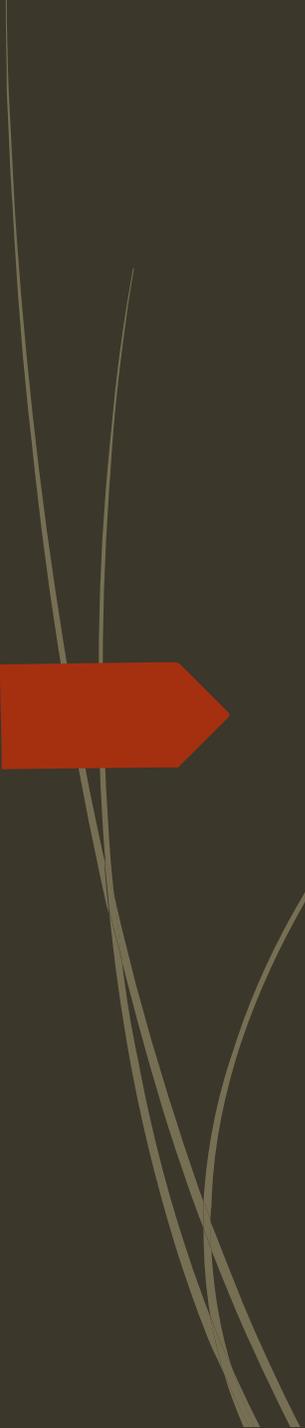


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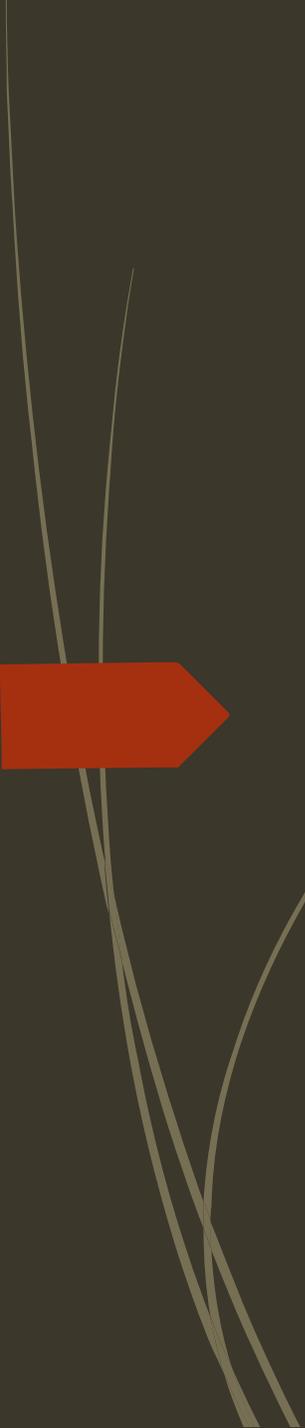
**“Whatever the
Chaldean army might
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Martyn Lloyd-Jones,
Faith Tried and Triumphant,
p. 22



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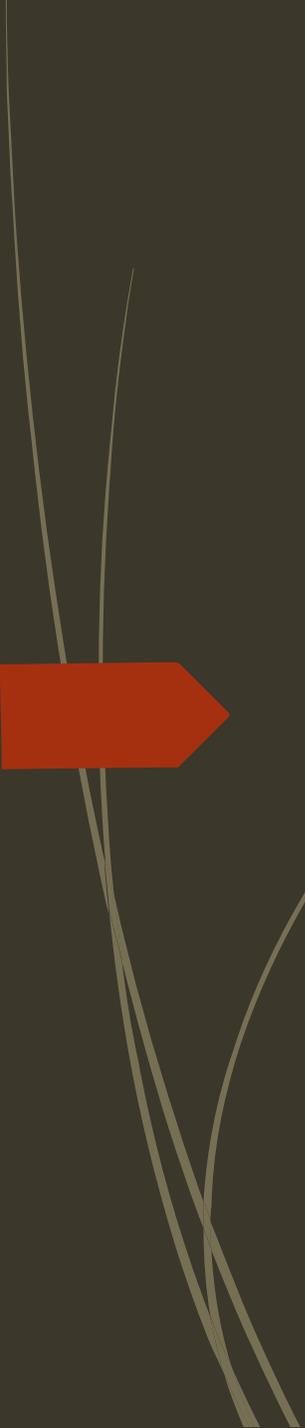
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- God can't look approvingly on evil.



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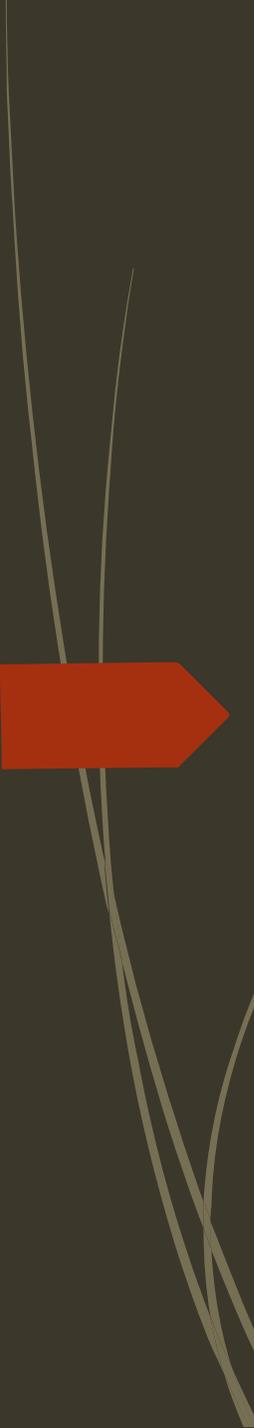
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“The righteous shall live by faith”

- Faith continues on as the normal manner of life, trusting God through trials and tribulations.**
- Faith is steadfast and it persists in trusting God.**



Habakkuk 2:4 in the New Testament

- **Romans 1:17** – We live by faith from beginning to end, “from faith to faith”.
- **Galatians 3:11** – Faith continues operating after we are saved.
- **Hebrews 10:38** – True faith endures and does not shrink back.