




**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**

1<sup>st</sup> complaint & God's reply (1:1-11)

**Faith stretched further**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Martyn Lloyd-Jones,  
*Faith Tried and Triumphant*,  
p. 22



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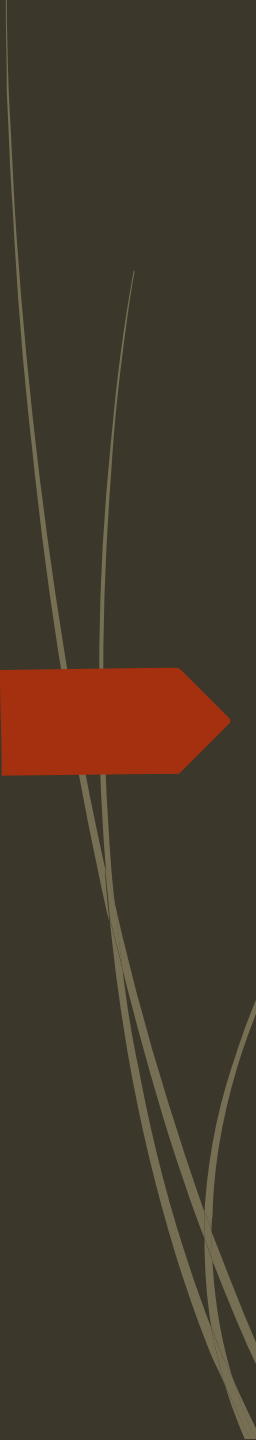
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# ***“The righteous shall live by faith”***

- ➡ 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.