

**Habakkuk # 23 “Trusting Isn’t Always Easy” *Habakkuk 2:5-20***

**In the Old Testament, God spoke to and through the patriarchs; to and through the prophets, certain kings and others and He keeps right on speaking to us today through His Word about Him, His Son and their commitment to us.**

And as we grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, we learn of Him and realize that our hope is not in ourselves or even in our ability to memorize and use God’s Word; our hope is in God alone through His Son, Jesus Christ.

*And that’s of course recognized when the Holy Spirit makes God’s Word a reality to us to the extent that we not only believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior but we believe what He says to us through His thoughts or mind recorded in Scripture.*

God spoke creation into existence and He speaks life into us when we believe Him and trust Him to keep His Word.

Habakkuk wonders if God is uninterested in his requests for justice and fairness in the land but only someone with true integrity will continue to trust in the auth of Almighty God when the situation appears helpless and the outcome appears hopeless.

**Trusting God involves a faith response to His will even when we see Him acting in a way that we don’t necessarily understand, like, agree with or in a way that doesn’t seem to fit His previous actions.**

Patience is faith plus biblical truth: Proverbs 3:5-6 *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.”*

**When we honor God from knowing Him better, we have a more intimate relationship with Him.**

Trusting in the Lord is based on His understanding, His character and His Word and not based on our understanding, our character or our words and submitting to Him in all our ways means we trust that He is involved in every aspect of our lives.

The nation of Judah has not been living by faith in the true and Living God but by idolatry and apostasy and the Babylonians haven’t been living by faith in God either but by faith in themselves and their battlefield success but the righteous ones WILL live by faith in the Almighty who is faithful to save His own who trust in Him and what He says.