

TO GO

1. Describe a time in your life when you questioned God's goodness. What about that season was particularly hard? How did it challenge your faith in God?
2. Read Habakkuk 1:1–4. What were the circumstances around the prophet that provoked him to make these statements? What parallels exist in our world today? How about for you personally?
3. Read Habakkuk 1:5–11. How does God answer Habakkuk's first complaint? What would have been particularly surprising about this for the prophet? How does God sometimes use surprising means to answer our prayers? Share an experience when God answered your prayers in an unexpected way.
4. Read Habakkuk 1:12–17. What is Habakkuk's response to the surprise he experiences from God's first answer? What truth about God does Habakkuk appeal to as he voices his complaint (v12)? How does this provide a model for us as we sometimes question God's decisions?
5. Read Habakkuk 2:2–5. How does God answer this time? What aspect(s) of God's answer might have provided assurance to Habakkuk? What might have been unsatisfactory to him?
6. The phrase "the righteous shall live by faith" in Habakkuk 2:4 is quoted three times in the New Testament. Read Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38. How does each passage build on this concept? How might this understanding help us when life doesn't make sense?
7. Read Habakkuk 2:1. How does Habakkuk demonstrate great faith amidst his complaints? What might "standing at the watchpost" look like for Christians today?
8. What spiritual disciplines can help you remain watchful and expectant? Take time to pray about how God might be inviting you to stand at your own watchpost.