

# “Faithful When Frustrated”

Complete in Christ - Part 14

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**Habakkuk 1:1-4** [NLT] – “This is the message that the prophet Habakkuk received in a vision: “How long, O Lord, must I call for help? But you do not listen! “Violence is everywhere!” I cry, but you do not come to save. <sup>3</sup> Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. <sup>4</sup> The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted.”

## 1. THE THEME OF HABAKKUK

**Habakkuk 2:2-4** – “Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. <sup>3</sup> For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. <sup>4</sup> “See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright— BUT THE RIGHTEOUS PERSON WILL LIVE BY FAITH.”

## 2. THE SOURCE OF OUR FRUSTRATION

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**John 8:36**—“ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

## 3. PATIENT FAITH IN A CORRUPT CULTURE

**Hebrews 11:1-2**—“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

**John 14:1-3**—“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

**Conclusion:**