

Wisdom Not Worry
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Habakkuk 2:2-4

"The Lord replied, 'Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it...
the righteous person will live by faith.'"

Calvin and his girlfriend hadn't been dating very long when he asked me to sign write his name in one-inch script on the driver side door and his girlfriend's name in the same size and font on the other side of his almost new Ford Ranger pickup. Before I put paint to panel, I reminded him I was using very durable enamel. I wanted to make sure he was sure his relationship with his lady friend was a sure thing. "Go ahead, paint it" he said. "This relationship is solid." By painting her name on his truck he was displaying quite a faith.

God answered Habakkuk's complaint by telling him how those in relationship with him ought to live. When surrounded by evil and with plenty of reason to question the goodness of God, the "righteous live by faith." So much faith in the character and promises of God, that even with circumstantial evidence to the contrary piling up, they not only believe it but have no hesitation to tell others. "Habakkuk. Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets."

How are we to live when God seems silent, or worse, we don't like His answer? With "confidence in what we hope for" and a "certainty in what we do not yet see" (Hebrews 12:1). Even without circumstantial evidence to prove God's goodness, we trust so fully in God (2 Cor. 1:20), that we aren't afraid to go on record as saying so.

Calvin never did end up marrying that young lady. His faith was unfounded. Our faith has a firm foundation. "In Christ, all of the promises of God are Yes and Amen" (2 Cor. 1:20). How much more can we be confident to paint the gospel large!

Grateful
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