



OLD TESTAMENT • MINOR PROPHETS

Habakkuk

Honest questions and resilient trust

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The big picture

Habakkuk asks why God allows violence and why an even more violent empire would become an instrument of judgment. The dialogue does not minimize the difficulty. God calls the prophet to wait, exposes the arrogance of oppressors, and promises that their power will not endure. A concluding prayer chooses trust even when fields, flocks, and visible security fail.

Words to carry

“But the just shall live by his faith.”

Habakkuk 2:4 • KJV • excerpt

Live it

- 01 Bring a hard question to God without disguising it.
- 02 Wait before taking a fear-driven shortcut.
- 03 Name what remains true about God when circumstances are disappointing.

Pause & reflect

What would faithfulness look like if my circumstances do not change soon?

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