

Direction
Part 6 - He Said What?
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Habakuk 2:1-3 (ESV) I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

How To Get Answers:

1st) I **ENGAGE** the Conversation.

- *O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. The Lord's Answer "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded.*
- Ask Specific questions

2nd) I Build My **TOWER**

Habakuk 2:1a (ESV) I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower,

- Appoint a place

3rd) I Become **AWARE**.

Habakuk 2:1b (ESV) and look out to see what he will say to me,

- Jesus will show up
- In His Time

James 1:5b-6 (TLB) "...God is always ready to give bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him; He will not resent it. But when you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to tell you..."

4th) I **CONTINUE** The Conversation.

Hab. 2:1c (ESV) and what I will answer concerning my complaint

- The goal is not the answer
- The goal is the conversation

How To Get Answers:

5th) I **KEEP** Track.

Habakuk 2:2 (ESV) And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

- I don't act on every thought
- *Ambiguity - the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness.*

Acts. 16:6-10 (NIV) Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

- Valuing God's Leading

Detours:

A) You have to know when to **SPEAK**

Acts. 16:6 (NIV) Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia.

- A lot of times they heard from God just like we do
- Not now, don't say that

B) You need to be **FLEXIBLE**

Acts. 16:7-8 (NIV) When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

C) You Make Wise **CONCLUSIONS**

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D) You use the **SABBATH**.

Acts. 16:13 (NIV) On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer.

6th) I **TEST** the Answer.

Habakuk 2:3 (ESV) For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

- I test to make sure I'm hearing correctly.
- I test so when I need instruction again I hear better.
- I test but I also make sure I'm not making it a formula -
- God can speak through circumstances.
- What's happening in my life right now?
- What is the Lord telling me through these circumstances?
- God can speak through wise counsel.
- God can speak through peace.

Col. 3:15 NIV) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

- God can speak through people.
- God can speak through dreams and visions.
- God can speak through natural manifestations.
- God can speak through supernatural manifestations.
- God can speak through the Bible.

7th) I change my **TIME FRAME**

Habakuk 2:3b ESV)If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

- The rest of the story is about the redemptive work of God in a sinful and fallen world.
- The redemptive work is where the wait is!
- My time is different than God's time
- Remember – “Not yet.” is not always “No”
- God sometimes has to work on *you* before he works on the solution.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NCV) “God does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing.”

- Remember - There's an unseen battle going on

8th) I Enjoy The **WONDER** of Jesus.

Hab. 3:2 (TLB) "O Lord, now I have heard your report, and I worship you in awe..."

Psalms 8:1 (NIV) LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.