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LIVING BY FAITH

In Habakkuk 2:1 Habakkuk is standing at his watch upon a tower and waiting to hear from God and see if he will be reproved for speaking of the conditions in his nation. In verses 2-4 it says, ***"And the LORD answered me, 'Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables (tablet), that he may run that readeth it. ³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. ⁴Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: (pride) but the just shall live by his faith."***

Habakkuk is told what will come and it might be a while before it happens, but those waiting for it to happen must stand in faith expecting it to come.

In Hebrews 10:36 God speaks to the Hebrews, through Paul, that they need patience after they have done the will of God. Then in 10:38 says, ***"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."*** Paul is quoting Habakkuk when he wrote this.

These two passages show us how important it is to live by faith. Faith believes without seeing. Faith still believes after we have done the will of God and things have not changed yet. Faith believes when no one else believes with us. Yet, FAITH PLEASES GOD.

You can be sure that if God has given a vision, or a promise that it will not happen immediately. It will happen in God's timing. Your faith will often be stretched to the limit. This shows whether we truly trust God and his promises or if we do not.

Have you been in a place where you have done what God told you to do, but things haven't changed yet? Well, you are no different than Habakkuk or the Hebrews. God is allowing your faith to become stronger. So, don't quit believing because you do not want to be what it says in Hebrews 10:38 that ***God will have no pleasure in you.***

Faith is not a slot machine where you put your quarter in and get your answer. Faith comes by continually studying and hearing the Word of God until all doubt and unbelief is driven out of your soul. Faith is exercised by being in situations where it requires faith to get through.

So, do not quit! Keep believing God and cast out all doubt, because as Habakkuk said, ***"...though it tarry, wait for it; for it shall surely come."***