



LIVE *by* FAITH

SUMMARY | One of the tried and tested ways we learn is through repetition. Whether it's multiplication tables, grammar rules, or other languages, repetition helps to embed important ideas in our minds. The same is true with the most important ideas of all—those presented in the Scriptures. So, when we read [Habakkuk 2:4](#), the fact that it's repeated no less than three times in the New Testament should grab our attention. In this episode of *Discover the Word*, we discuss this important text and how it helps our understanding of the gospel.

This Week's Discussion Questions

1. In translating [Habakkuk 2:4](#), some Bible versions translate the Hebrew word “emunah” as faith, while others translate it as faithfulness. What is the difference, and how can that difference affect our understanding? Is it possible that either could be correct? Why or why not?
2. The German reformer Martin Luther had his life changed as he studied [Romans 1:16–17](#). As someone who was ensconced in a system that was promoting salvation by works, why would those verses feel radical? Why did they become the catalyst for reform?
3. The churches of Galatia were being burdened with a legalistic approach to experiencing and living out a relationship with Christ. How does Paul's use of [Habakkuk 2:4](#) (see [Galatians 3:11](#)) combat legalistic teaching?
4. In [Hebrews 11](#), the author cites Old Testament believers whose actions in life were fueled by faith (with [Habakkuk 2:4](#) as a source for that principle). With which of the characters do you most identify? Why?

Challenge



From Abraham to Paul, a right relationship with God only comes through faith in God's provision for us; and just as that relationship is received by faith in God's provision, it is lived out by the faith and faithfulness of a heart resting in the Father's help. Think of an area of life where you might be trying to do it in your own strength. Write on a small notecard a prayer to God releasing this area of your life.

Commit To Memory



“Behold, as for the impudent one, his soul is not right within him;
but the righteous will live by his faith.”

Habakkuk 2:4 NASB

Prayer



Loving Father, I often find myself, like Paul in [Romans 7](#), not doing what I want to do and doing what I don't want to do—especially when it comes to trying to make life work on my own terms and in my own wisdom. Teach me to trust you, Father, and to walk by faith, not by sight.

Amen.

