

**A Time with Jesus Bible Study**  
**TWCC 09-29-22**

**First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup>I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

**Question 1** – In verses 2-4 we read questions being asked of God about injustices. Do injustices ever cause you to question God? How is it that we can find peace in the world God created and in WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND US?

**Question 2** – What does it mean to stand at one's watch point? What did the reader expect to happen when they were waiting? What happens when we do this?

**Psalm 119:137-144**

<sup>137</sup>You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.

<sup>138</sup>You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

<sup>139</sup>My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

<sup>140</sup>Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

<sup>141</sup>I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

<sup>142</sup>Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

<sup>143</sup>Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

<sup>144</sup>Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

**Question 1** – <sup>137</sup>You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.

- How is your faith continually shaped by hearing this verse?

**Question 2** - <sup>142</sup>Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

- We live in a time when people want to question truth and even tell God what might be truth or ask for proof from God. How do you view “Truth”?

## **Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

<sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, <sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Question 1** – <sup>3</sup>We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing.

- How and why was their faith growing? How is your love and faith continuously growing for each other?

**Question 2** - <sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith.

- What makes us worthy of God’s call able to in His power?

## **Gospel Luke 19:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on

account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

**Question 1** – To see Jesus... how many people want to see Jesus but don't get to know Jesus so they can really SEE Jesus? That takes a commitment to a deeper relationship with Jesus. Are you willing to put in the time and work it takes to develop a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Him? What does that mean to you... what does that look like?

**Question 2** - <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

- Have you ever been surprised by someone who you thought was ungodly and God meet them, transformed them and gave them a new story? Would you share?