

# Connecting Church and Home

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Quarter 2, Week 11 :: **The Just Shall Live By Faith**

**Treasure Story:** Habakkuk 2:2-20

The prophet Habakkuk was stunned. He could not fathom why God would allow His people to be conquered by the evil Babylonians. Habakkuk questioned God's sense of justice. In response to Habakkuk's lament, God told him that justice is inevitable but those who love God must trust His timing in dispensing it. When we look at our world today, we are tempted to cry out with the anguish of Habakkuk, "Why, oh Lord?" God's answer to us remains the same one that He gave Habakkuk: "Trust Me."

## Connect

"Mercy hath a heaven, and justice a hell, to display itself to eternity, but long-suffering hath only a short-lived earth."

- Henry Smith

Despite the injustice we see around us, God is neither blind nor ignorant. He is just and will act against injustice in His own good time. As Habakkuk 2:4 records, we must live by faith. We have to trust that when the time is right, God will punish evil and vindicate our faith in His just nature. Here are a few suggestions on ways to remember God's justice so that we don't grow weary of sin:

- **The Justice Journal:** Have a notebook and pen that you and your family can share in recording acts of justice on the part of God. These could be historical acts (things you found together in the Bible or history) or current acts (ways that God has acted justly in the life of your family). Take time to praise God for being a just and holy God.
- **Justice Prayer List:** In addition to recording God's acts of justice in your Justice Journal mentioned above, record injustices that you and your children find. Make them prayer requests that you and your family mention to God every day. Ask Him to see if there is a God-honoring way that He might use you as agents in His justice for these injustices.

## My Mission As Parent

- Do you struggle with the injustices done around you or to your family?
- Do you find yourself wondering, like Habakkuk, if God is unjust or unwilling to address injustices?
- How can you and your family exercise faith in God as being just despite the injustices in the world?

## Prayer Points

- Ask the Lord to help you and your children be sensitive to injustice.
- Pray that the Lord will help you see that despite injustice He is just and almighty and cares about the downtrodden and oppressed.
- Praise the Lord that He will one day right all of the wrongs that exist in our world because of sin.