

Habakkuk

Trusting God

When You Don't Understand Him

“Christianity is not served by mindlessness, but by the knowledge of God through the Word of God. Such knowledge engages our minds, stirs our hearts, and transforms our lives. This knowledge is personal. How is it nurtured? By listening to what He says (the priority of preaching), by engaging Him in conversation (the emphasis on prayer), by spending time in His company (the need for a devotional life), and by being with others who actually know and are obeying Him (the need for authentic worship). This knowledge is progressive and dynamic, never static. At the end of the journey, we should still be exclaiming with Paul: “I want to know Christ”

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Listen in the Bible

1. Prepare yourself to hear
2. Turn from known sin
3. Be willing to obey what God reveals/speaks.

Interpretation: CONTEXT (WHAT was happening, WHO is this written to, WHEN was this written, WHAT did it mean to the original readers, WHAT did the language mean back then etc.....)

2 Tim 2:7 “Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.”

Think = to exercise your mind, to observe, comprehend and heed. To pay attention to, to think on.

Understanding = to properly piece together. So the Lord will piece things together as you meditate upon the word!

Ps 1:1-2 “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.”



Pr 2:1-6 “My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the Lord, And discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

Rom 8:31-33 “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.”

Proverbs 18:2 "A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his own opinion."



1. Listening is a form of love
2. Listening shows you care
3. Listening is a sign of respect



1 Sam 3:1-12

“Speak Lord for your servant
hears”



4 Reasons

1. Overloaded with busyness (Ps 46:10)
2. Focused on the wrong things
3. We have forgotten what God sounds like
4. We don't want to

