



Strengthening Our Faith

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There are hard times when nothing consolidates and everything is fleeting, superficial and perishable: Impatience is opposed to patience, banality to depth, the short-lived to the permanent. And we find ourselves in the middle, trapped in a time that is not ours. We try to partner with the patient, their rhythm and to the rhythm of their body understanding that healing comes from the Creator.

And no matter how much the patient wants healing he cannot have it. We try to encourage him through achieving goals. But, no matter how much the doctor or the patient wants healing, they cannot find it. The same can happen with our colleagues, who sometimes do not want to commit themselves and do not want to empathize. They cannot give encouragement because they do not have it, because of their circumstances and own pains.

How do we sustain those whom the Lord gave us sight to see and ears to hear through Jesus Christ? It is obvious that we cannot cure the world, but we can put bandages on the internal wounds that bleed most at this time. Thus, we must be strong, handing our own burdens to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. When we tell him, we cannot do it alone, our faith increases every day.

As children of God we know the Word and we know that God in his infinite mercy is the only one who can help and strengthen us. In hard times Habakkuk, an Old Testament prophet cried out to the Lord saying:

"O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid. O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy "Habakkuk 3: 2.

The prophet lived what we live today in all fronts of life. And in the face of chaos he responds with fear, crying out to the only one who could help him. The great Yahweh, the great I Am. He remembers God's mercy and hopes The Lord will save him .

Like Habakkuk, we also cry out for mercy. We want to have the answers to everything, but the Lord says," *Look, I will do a work that even if I tell you, you would not believe it". Habakkuk 1: 5*

We have been reviewing the names of God and each of them has a divine attribute. When we lack faith, we must stop and think about the God we believe in and reaffirm the things we know about Him. When we cannot really deal with our problems, nor do we understand why things happen to us. Let us give the problem to God, who has shown through history that He made the world and will not be moved. "...the person of integrity will live because of his faithfulness." Habakkuk 2: 4

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