**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment III – *“Strengthening Your Core”* Progressive Bible Concepts - #25 “Living By Faith”**

**Segment III – Strengthening Your Core (Concepts 25-33)**

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**Key Verse**

Habakkuk 2:4

* *Behold, as for the proud (puffed up) one, His soul is not right within him; but the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by his f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

Romans 1:17

* *“…as it is written, but the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

Galatians 3:11

* *“Now that no man is justified by the law before God is evident: for, “The r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

Hebrews 10:38

* *“But my r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: And if he shrinks back, my soul hath no pleasure in him.”*

Habakkuk 2:4

* *“Behold, as for the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (puffed up) one, His soul is not r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within him; but the r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall live by his f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

***Historical context*** *– Habakkuk was a prophet in the time of Judah’s demise and upon asking God how long He would tolerate their unrepentant hearts, God informs him that Babylon is His chastening instrument of judgment–which drives him to his knees. His name means “embrace”, which depicts him as one who firmly clings to the Lord during this time of gloom and doom.*

**Historical context** *–* Manasseh, the son of a very godly king Hezekiah, began his reign at age 12 and it is reported that he *“misled Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the sons of Israel.”* He not only built altars to false gods, but built these altars in the two courts of the Lord’s house, defiling the temple. He also, sacrificed his sons by fire, used divination, practiced sorcery, and dealt with mediums and spiritists, doing much evil in the sight of the Lord.

Manasseh – reigned 55 years and was Judah’s worst king, became the poster boy for godless leadership – n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Amon – reigned 2 years, forsook the Lord, and was killed by his servants in his own house, who were then killed by the people of the land – a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Josiah – reigned 31 years, a great reformer and the last godly king of Judah, made war with Neco unnecesssarily and was killed at the untimely age of 39 – s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jehoahaz – reigned three months, doing evil in the sight of the Lord -

Jehoiakim – reigned 11 years, did evil as his fathers had done - – c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ begins

Jehoiachin - reigned three months, did evil as his fathers had done and was taken into captivity by the Babylonians along with the 10,000 leaders of the Judah – captivity c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-

Zedekiah – reigned for eleven years, rebelled against the foreign king and ignored Jeremiah’s warnings from God - personally witnessed the slaughter of his own sons before being blinded by his captors and taken away to Babylon along with the Jewish remnant - captivity is c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.



“Behold, as for the proud (puffed up) one, His soul is not right within him; but the righteous shall live by his faith.” Habakkuk 2:4

* The puffy one – to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as a t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a body or a m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or a hill – “be f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
* His soul – the word stands for the man h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Is not upright – in s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with what is right, straight or clear “w\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_”
* The righteous – right b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God, right t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God – “r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_”
* Live – live o\_\_\_\_, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Faith – f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God – emphasis of the word is “f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”* Romans 1:16, 17

* Not ashamed – feel self-c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way, e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, think of something in a n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ light
* Gospel/salvation – God’s powerful means of r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for everyone who believes it
* Believe – *pres act part* – is in the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of believing - stresses continuous action

*“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”* Romans 1:17

* In it – c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within
* The righteousness of God – sum total of all that God is and a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Is revealed – b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ once and for all to see
* From faith to faith – by w\_\_\_\_\_ of faith u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith
* As it is written – p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The righteous – one who is in a r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God
* Live – (fut act mid) – have life in all of its God-given m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and q\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, particularly life with God
* Faith – belief that is g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and full p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which leaves no room for d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“Now that no man is justified by the law before God is evident: for, “The r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man shall l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by faith.”* Galatians 3:11

* By virtue – as a r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of
* Of the law – God’s standard of p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No one – not one s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person
* Is Justified – d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ righteous/free of any offense
* The righteous– those a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of by God
* Live – (fut act mid) – c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life

*“But my righteous one shall live by faith: And if he shrinks back, my soul hath no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but who have faith to the preserving of the soul.”* Heb 10:38, 39

* Shrinks back – *upostello* – aor subj mid – d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ back from, w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ oneself
* Pleasure – root word means to p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Destruction – r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, perish
* Preservation – g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as opposed to losing

**Observations:**

* There are two vantage points in life:
  + looking d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with pride upon everyone and everything
  + looking u\_\_ to God
* Two perspectives:
  + s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pride)
  + s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (faith)
* Two mindsets:
  + f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of oneself (it’s all about me)
  + f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on God (it’s all about Him)
* Two pathways:
  + The unrighteous (religious and irreligious) live out of pridefulness, following a pathway that is l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + The righteous man shall live by faith following a pathway of l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Pride leads to:
  + self j\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through s\_\_\_\_\_\_-righteousness
* Faith leads to:
  + d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ justification through f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-righteousness
* It is faith that s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us and it is faith that s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us.
* In the midst of circumstantial u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is faith that steadies us - the believer lives by the c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his faith.
* It is faith that not only s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us, but also e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us. We must not s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into ourselves. through doubt, fear, anxiety, anger, or unbelief.
* Faith sets us right with God, guides us down the pathway to life, and empowers us to perform great “f\_\_\_\_\_\_ of f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” that change the world and honor God.
* We must a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ these three – faith, hope , and love – in that order.
* Faith is the core of our connection with God, and the aim of this next segment of the PBC is called “S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

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**Power of a Single Verse**

Sparked two of the greatest revivals in history:

* Reformation -1500’s
* the Great Awakening - 1700’s

**Concept 25 Summary**

“Faith is the God-ordained means for us to not only be saved, but also to sustain righteous lives, and to be empowered for whatever accomplishments He calls us to perform for His name’s sake.”

**Next Week** – Concept #26 – “The Eyes of Faith”