

We were away for two weeks – we came back and we heard about
Robbery at the Chancery Stabbing in Cargill Creek
News of more murders & crime while we were away

Now I mention this because of the Prophet Habakkuk. Habakkuk lived around 650 years before the Lord. It was a time of violence. The Babylonians had conquered the Assyrians and were threatening or attacking the rest of the world, including the Kingdom of Judah. The Jews themselves were continually assaulting each other. Hatred and violence were seen as part of life, even accepted.

Habakkuk's society was like ours, violence and crime seem to be everywhere -
FROM Schoolyard to the Streets.

We join Habakkuk and cry out, "How Long, O Lord?"

Habakkuk's prayer is answered by the Lord. He is told to write this down, it is certainly going to happen, you can record it even before it takes place: "The rash one has no integrity, but the just one, because of his faith, shall live." WHY SHALL HE LIVE?

Because of his FAITH! We can conquer crime and violence – because of our FAITH.
FAITH the size of a mustard seed (teeny tiny faith is faith enough!)
God can work with even that

Now that's easy to say – but in the midst of the battle it's hard to have faith
UNLESS its become a lifestyle - Faulkner Hospital, dying patient, tears & peace
This family lived a lifestyle with God as central – family prayer, charity, living faith
NB → **Living faith day to day is what makes living faith during trial possible**

Our trials are not more powerful than God. God can and will destroy whatever is assaulting us. If we have faith, even as little as a mustard seed, we can defeat whatever the world throws at us.

Here's a secret – *We don't need to ask for great faith so WE can do great things.
We ask for faith the size of a mustard seed so we can see GOD do great things!*