

A close-up photograph of two men wrestling. The men are shirtless and muscular, with their bodies in shades of brown and tan. They are in a wrestling stance, with one man's hands gripping the other's arm. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the contours of their muscles.

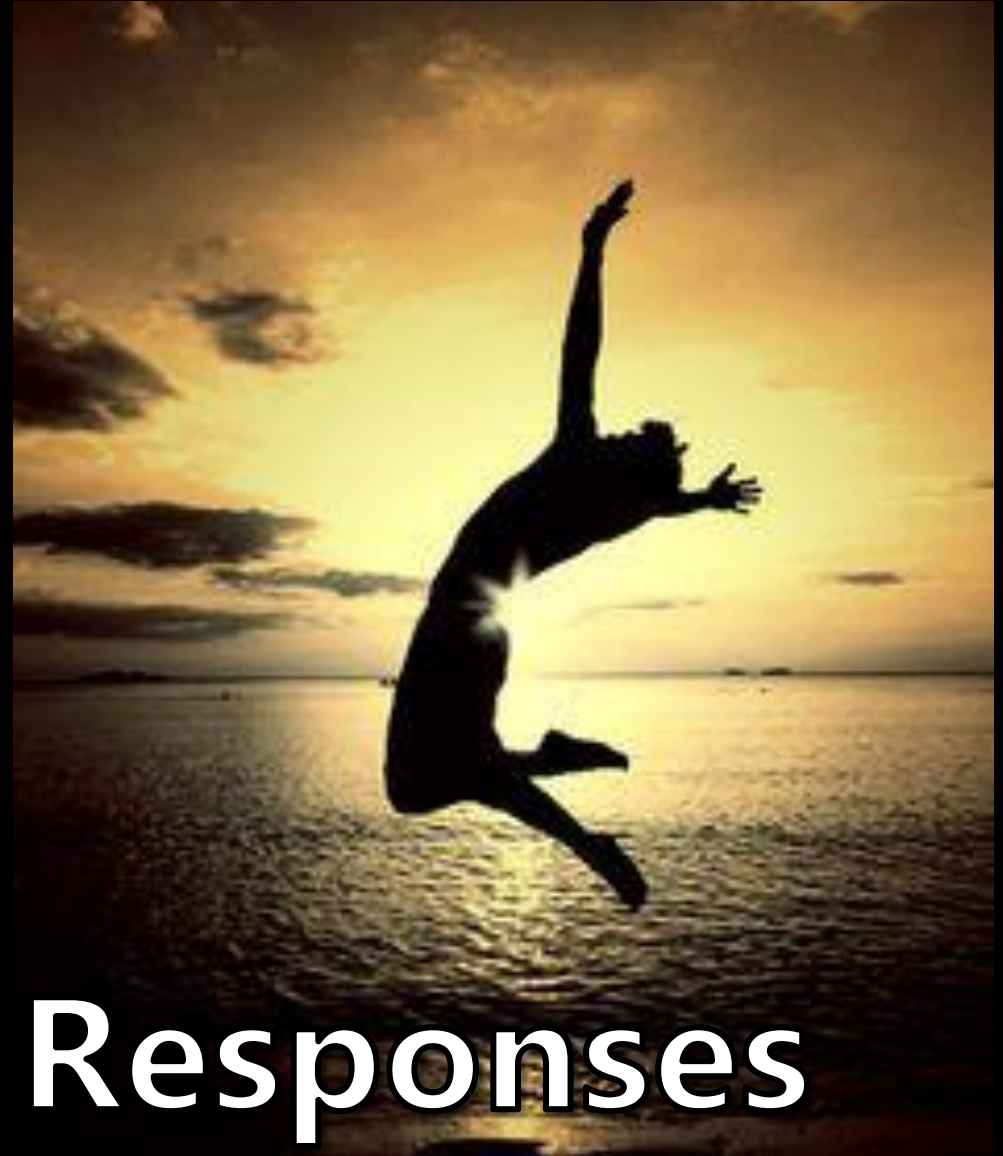
A Transforming Wrestling

Habakkuk's Journey from Fear to Faith

Hab 1:1 - 4



Hab 3:1-2, 16-19



Contrast of 2 Responses

A vertical image on the left side of the slide shows a person's hands clasped in prayer, with fingers interlaced. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The person's face is not visible, focusing attention on the gesture of prayer.

How Long?

*Habakkuk's
problem with
his people*

Habakkuk 1:2-4

A BIGGER Problem with his LORD!

- The LORD's inaction / lack of response!
- Unfair!! Abandoned by the LORD!
- How Long? Why? Why?

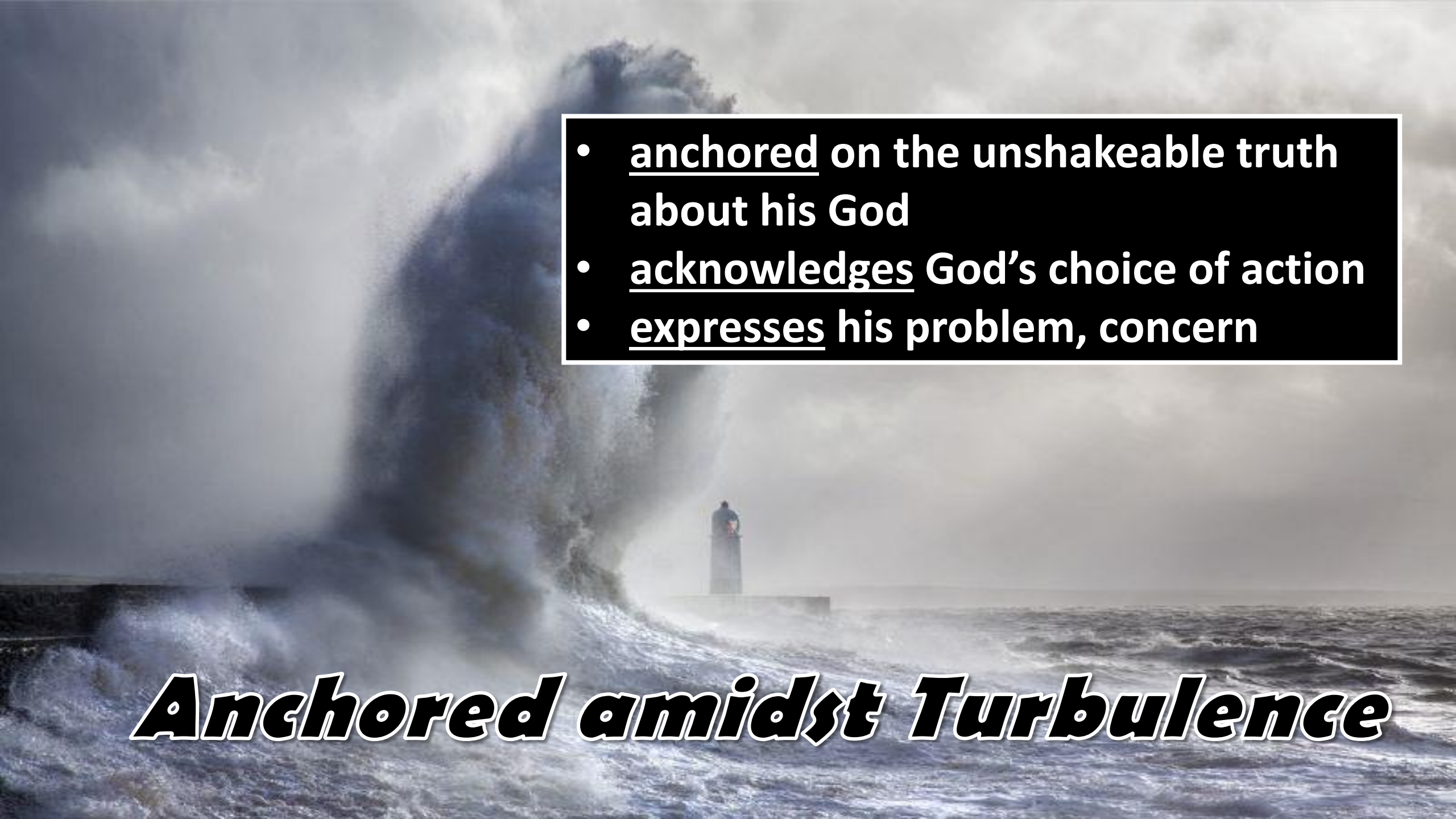
-> Yet, he did not give up on God!

I am going to do
SOMETHING
you would not
believe!

Habakkuk 1:5-11

“Look at the nations and watch—
and be utterly amazed.
For I am going to do something in your days
that you would not believe,
even if you were told.
—Habakkuk 1:5

- Habakkuk stunned speechless! Shaken!!
- New problem! God's choice vs Truth about God

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- A dramatic photograph of a lighthouse on a rocky island. A massive, dark wave is crashing over the lighthouse, creating a large plume of white spray. The sky is overcast and grey, and the sea is turbulent. The lighthouse is a small, dark structure on a low, rocky outcrop.
- anchored on the unshakeable truth about his God
 - acknowledges God's choice of action
 - expresses his problem, concern

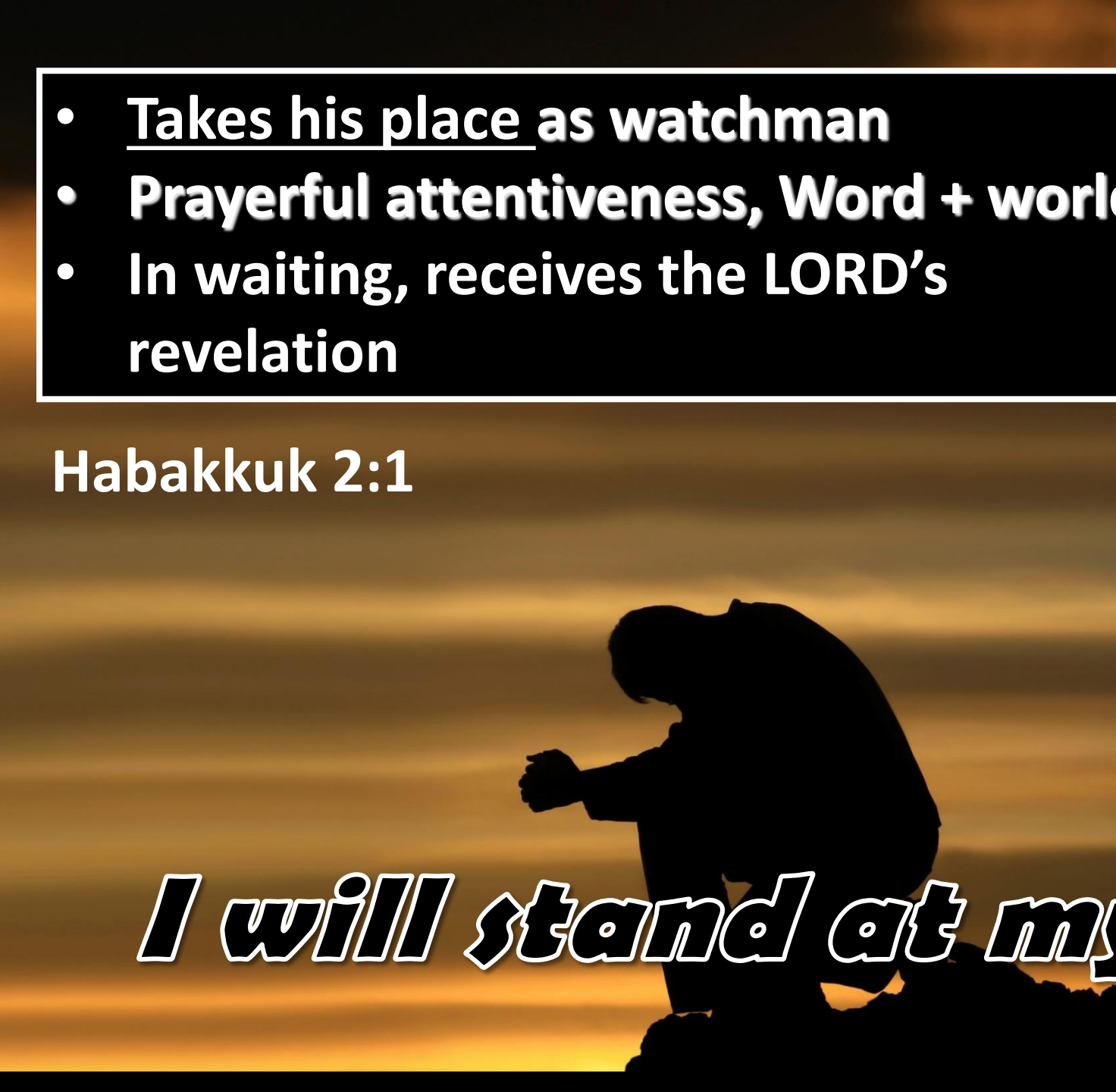
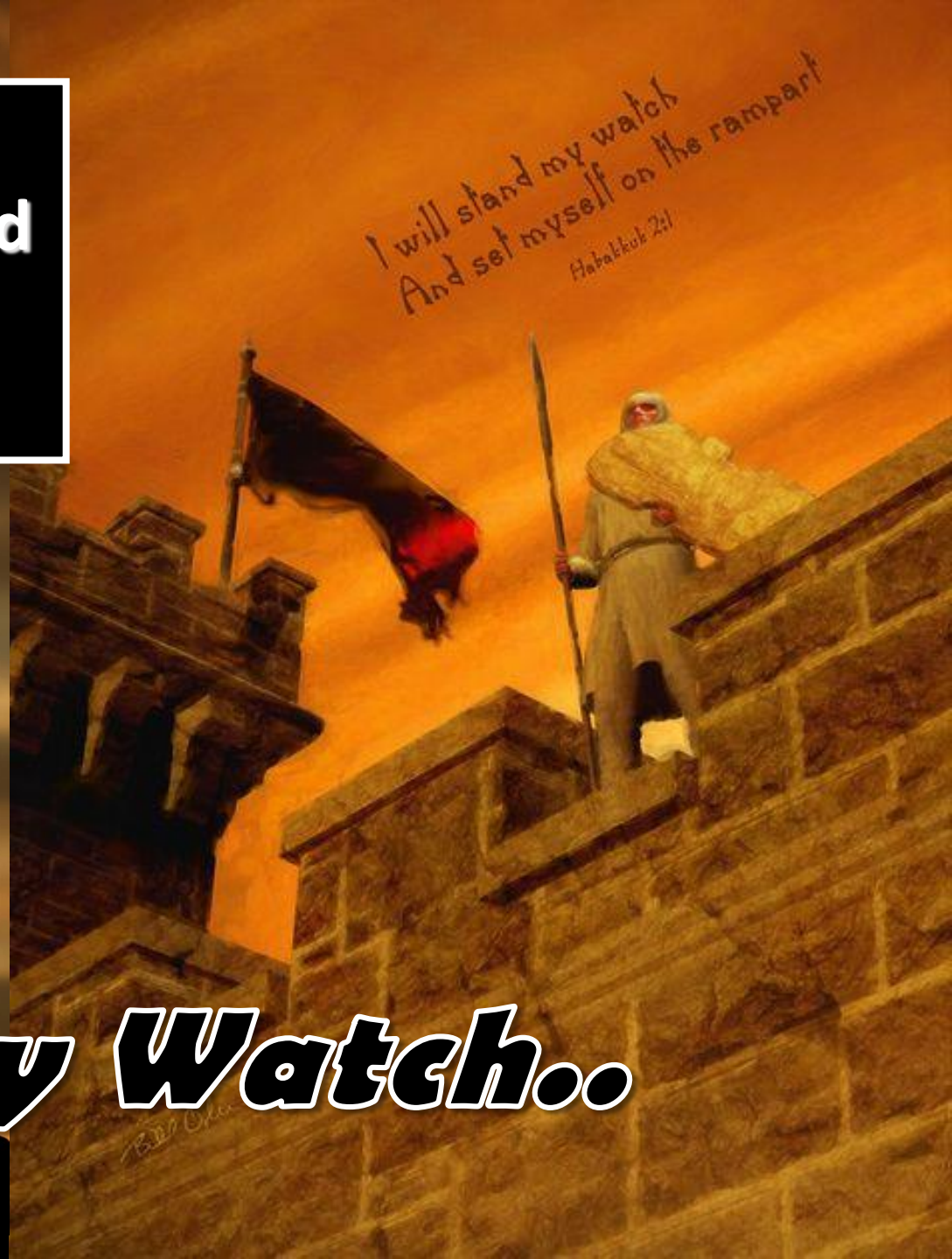
Anchored amidst Turbulence

- Takes his place as watchman
- Prayerful attentiveness, Word + world
- In waiting, receives the LORD's revelation

Habakkuk 2:1

I will stand at my Watch..

*I will stand my watch
And set myself on the rampart
Habakkuk 2:1*



Habakkuk 2:2-20

- Judgment at His appointed time

- 5 woes on the enemy

- 3 visions of Hope for the righteous

*Vision of
Hope, Justice*



- The righteous will live by his faithfulness, 2:4

- The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea, 2:14

- The LORD is in His holy Temple,
let all the earth be silent before Him, 2:20

Vision of Hope, Justice

A close-up photograph of a person's ear on the left and a rainbow-colored eye on the right. The eye is vibrant with colors like green, yellow, orange, red, and purple. The background is blurred.

Remember -> Awe & Wonder

- I have heard .. I stand in awe
- Repeat (revive) them in our day
- In wrath remember mercy

Eyes, Ears, heart on the LORD

Recounts God's Powerful Presence

- In History
- On behalf of His people
- Nothing stand in His way!

Habakkuk 3:3-15



Discovering Hope & Joy Inspite of

- God can be trusted
- No one can strip 'my God' from me
- The Sovereign LORD is my strength



- I wait patiently ..
- I will rejoice, be joyful in the LORD
- My stamina and My confidence

Habakkuk 3:16-19

Wrestling -> Waiting

- chaos, confusion
- looking @ circumstances
 - blaming God
 - demanding answers
 - fear
 - depression



- unshakeable confidence
- looking @LORD of History
- rejoicing in the LORD
- humble waiting, listening
- faith
- joy!

What a Transformation!



**Wrestling with GOD
: @ Your Own Risk!**