



## LOOP Study Guide In Due Time: Week 5

**Main Point:** False security is anything we trust to protect us instead of God. Real security is not something we construct — it is something we receive.

**Key Scripture:**  
Habakkuk 2:9-11

### 1. CONNECTION — START THE CONVERSATION

#### Icebreaker (choose one):

- What makes people feel secure today?
- Have you ever trusted something for stability that later let you down?
- When life feels uncertain, where do you instinctively run for safety?

#### Transition Thought:

Every person wants to feel safe, stable, and protected. But the message challenges us with a hard question:

*What if the thing making you feel secure... isn't actually secure?*

### 2. SCRIPTURE — THE FOUNDATION

#### Read Together:

- Habakkuk 2:9–11
- Matthew 7:24–27

#### Context Reminder:

The prophet **Habakkuk** receives a series of warnings about Babylon's downfall. The issue is not just greed — it's building a life designed to function without dependence on God. Babylon tried to make itself untouchable — much like humanity did at **Tower of Babel**. Both reveal the same pattern: seeking security without surrender.

### 3. DISCUSSION — PROCESS THE MESSAGE

#### A. FALSE SECURITY LOOKS STRONG — UNTIL IT'S TESTED

Babylon built high to avoid danger. But height is not the same as security.

1. What are some modern “towers” people build today to feel safe or in control?
2. Why do you think people trust structures (money, reputation, success) more easily than God?

Key idea: *Elevation without surrender is just sophisticated insecurity.*

## **B. THE PROBLEM ISN'T BUILDING — IT'S BUILDING WITHOUT GOD**

Scripture never condemns planning, working, or building — only trusting those things more than God.

1. Where is the line between wise planning and misplaced trust?
2. How can someone know when they are trusting the structure more than the Savior?

The message said: *Real security is relational, not structural.*

3. What does it look like practically to make security relational — grounded in God?

## **C. WHAT WE BUILD EVENTUALLY TESTIFIES ABOUT US**

Habakkuk says the very stones and beams would cry out.

What we build carries evidence of what we trust.

1. What do your daily habits reveal about what you rely on most?
2. If pressure or loss stripped things away, what would still make you feel secure?

Key idea: *Height impresses people. Foundation impresses God.*

## **D. THE SUBTLE CHRISTIAN VERSION**

It is possible to build a life that looks spiritually strong while internally trusting something else.

1. Why is it possible to look spiritually secure but still feel internally unstable?
2. What is the difference between trusting spiritual performance and trusting God's presence?

## **4. APPLICATION — BUILD DEEPER, NOT HIGHER**

**Personal Reflection (quiet moment):**

- What do I rely on most when life feels uncertain?
- What have I built that I secretly trust more than God?
- Where is God inviting me to go deeper instead of climb higher?

## Practice This Week:

Choose one area where you normally try to control outcomes (finances, reputation, future, relationships, etc.).

Then intentionally:

- Pray before acting
- Invite God into decisions
- Release the need to control results

Daily prayer:

**“God, my security is not what I build — it is You.”**

## 5. PRAYER — CLOSE THE LOOP

“Lord, we confess that we often try to build security apart from You. We trust what we can see, control, and manage. Teach us to build our lives on You as our foundation. When life shakes what we’ve built, help us see Your mercy in it. Let our confidence rest not in what we construct, but in who holds us. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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## THINGS HAPPENING AT FRESH START CHURCH:

- **Journey Groups** - In our Journey groups we provide a small group setting to discover the basics of the Christian life and a safe place to ask tough questions. Whether you’ve been in Church and walking with Jesus for a long time or you are brand new to all of this – Journey Groups are a great way to learn, connect and grow together. Our Journey group meets for 14 weeks at 10:30 in the Student Building and our new semester began February 8th. Learn more and sign up on the Church Center app.
- **Grief Share Group** - Wednesday, March 4th. Join us at Fresh Start Church for Grief Share, a supportive community where you can find comfort and healing after the loss of a loved one. Our Grief Share sessions provide a safe space to share your journey, connect with others who understand, and receive guidance from experienced facilitators.