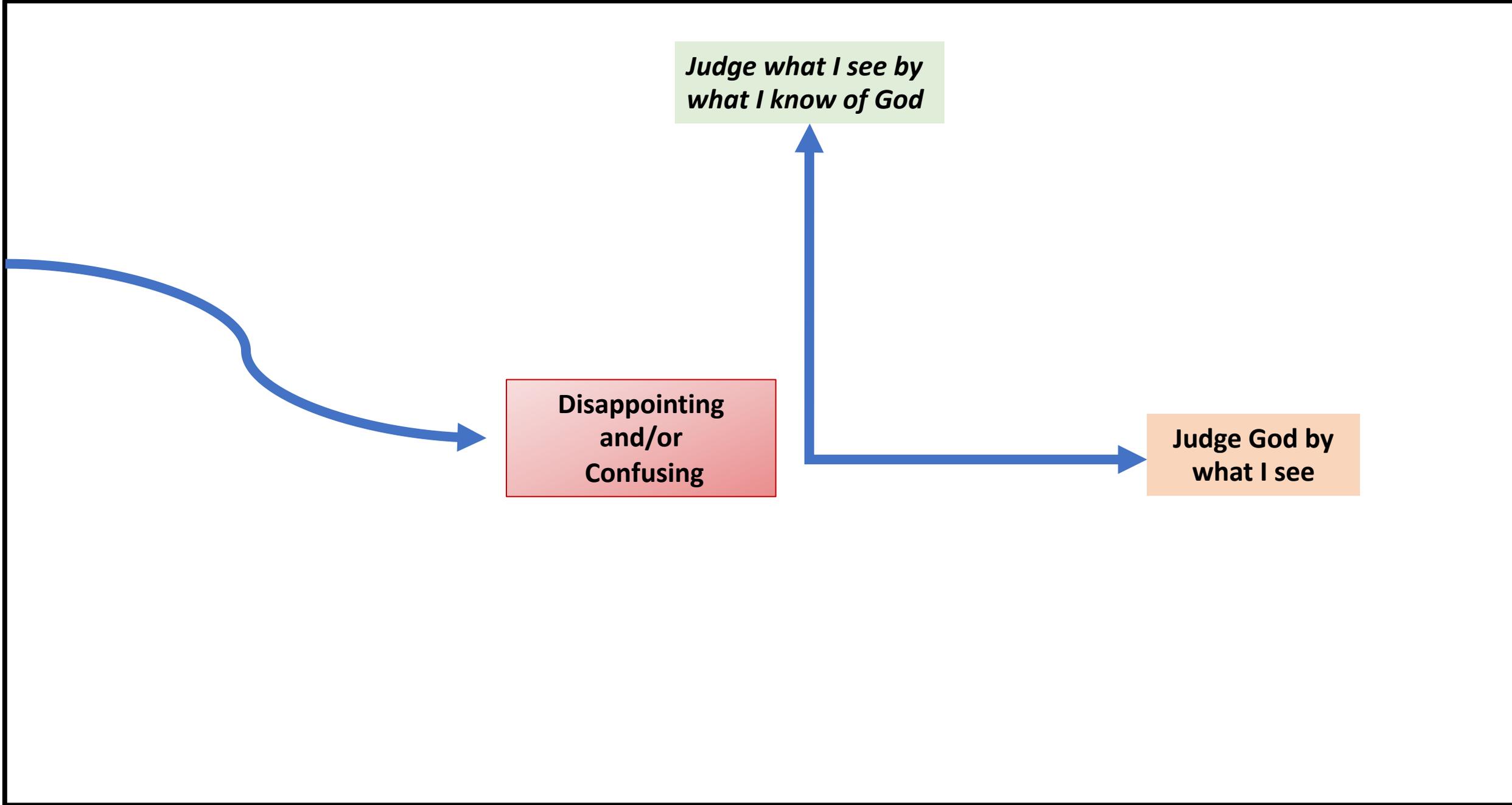


How do we proactively pursue hearts that are growing in contentment?

-Especially when life is disappointing or confusing-



*Judge what I see by
what I know of God*

**Disappointing
and/or
Confusing**

**Judge God by
what I see**

Habakkuk

1. His first question
2. God's answer
3. His second question
4. God's answer
5. His declaration of faith

How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

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. I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own.

O Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, we will not die. O Lord, you have appointed them to execute judgment; O Rock, you have ordained them to punish. Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

“Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime! Has not the Lord Almighty determined that the people’s labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

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A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. According to
shigionoth

Habakkuk 3:1

O Lord, I have heard the report of you...and your
work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years
revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in
wrath remember mercy

Habakkuk 3:2

I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.

Habakkuk 3:16

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Habakkuk 3:17, 18

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The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

“The righteous shall live by his faith”

Habakkuk 2:4

FEELING LEGS

“...my legs tremble beneath me.”

FAITH LEGS

“The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.”

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For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.

Habakkuk 3:18

FEEL WHAT YOU FEEL

-BUT-

BELIEVE WHAT IS REAL

“They are often not the same thing”

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