

Faith's Resolve: No Matter What...I Will Stand Firm!
Text: Habakkuk 3:1-16
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Big Idea: God will work for the salvation of His people, so stand firm in Him.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4

- a) What does it mean to stand firm in our faith?
- b) When do you find it most difficult to stand firm? Why then?
- c) **Rd Isaiah 7:9b:** What is the result when we don't stand firm in the Lord? What fruits come forth when we don't stand firm?

When my trust is in the Lord, I will trust...

Point 1: CALL with DEPENDENCE (vv. 1-2)

Question: Faith cries out, "Do Your work Lord!" Will you trust Him and call on Him?

Question #5

- a) **Rd vv. 1-2:** What things did Habakkuk beg God to do on behalf of His people?
- b) Why does it display courageous faith to ask God to do His work in your life?
- c) When do you most struggle to pray asking God for His way over your way?
- d) Why can we pray for God's way with confidence? Use Scripture to support your answer.

Question #6

- a) **Rd. v. 2:** What does Habakkuk mean when He asks God to, in His wrath, remember mercy?
- b) Describe using Scripture, how the cross of Jesus Christ is the ultimate display of God's wrath and mercy.
- c) In light of this truth, write out the gospel as if you only have 1 minute to share it with someone.

Point 2: REMEMBER with REVERENCE (vv. 3-15)

Question: Faith declares, "You did THAT Lord!" Are you remembering His work with awe?

Question #7

- a) **Rd vv. 3-15:** What does Habakkuk intentionally do in these verses?
- b) Why does he do this in such detail, instead of just sharing general recollections?
- c) What posture does Habakkuk display while he is remembering God's work for His people?
- d) Why should remembering God's work in the lives of His people (Incl. ours), lead us to a greater awe and reverence of Him?
- e) Does His work in your life still lead you to this place? Why or why not?

Question #8

- a) **Rd. v. 13:** What is the reason why God displays His power on behalf of His people?
- b) Write a personal "Journey Through History" of how God has worked for you salvation/deliverance. Get specific!
- c) Share some of the testimonies of God's work with your group members.
- d) Spend time in praise and prayer thanking Him for His mercy, love and grace towards you all.

Point 3: REST with ASSURANCE (v. 16)

Question: Faith rests knowing God will fulfill His promises. Will you rest in Him?

Question #9

- a) **Rd v. 16:** How does Habakkuk respond after giving his testimony of God's work?
- b) How is his response different from where he started in **Ch. 1:2-3**?
- c) Have his circumstances changed? If not, then what has?
- d) Think of your struggle right now. Are you resting in the Lord with assurance of His work, in His way, for His glory? Why is it difficult to do this?
- e) Spend time in prayer together for those areas where, in your unbelief, you are not resting in the Lord.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) **REVERENCE** before God: Lord, You are the God who_____.
- b) **HUMILITY** before God: Lord, I repent of... i) Asking for my way and not Yours when____. ii) Forgetting Your work on my behalf when_____. iii) Not resting in you with trust in_____.
- c) **THANKSGIVING**: Lord, I thank You for working for my salvation when_____.
- d) **SUPPLICATION** to God: Lord, I ask for: i) Increasing faith to ask for Your work/way in my circumstances ii) Deepening reverence through remembrance. iii) Deepening faith to rest in You with assurance of Your faithfulness (even when I can't see!)

Memory Verse:

"...but the righteous shall live by his faith."-Habakkuk 2:4b

