

Faith's Outcome: No Matter What...My God is Faithful!
Text: Habakkuk 3:17-19
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Big Idea: God will always be faithful, so live by faith in Him alone.

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?

Living by faith means that no matter, you will...

Point 1: REJOICE in the LORD (vv. 17-18)

Question: Faith declares, "You are my greatest desire, Lord!" Will you take joy in Him?

Question #4

- a) **Rd vv. 17-18:** What is Habakkuk describing in v. 17?
- b) Describe what this would look like today for you.
- c) In spite of all the loss, where does Habakkuk land by faith in the Lord? Where do you land? Why?
- d) What does it mean to rejoice in the Lord and take joy in Him above all else?
- e) Why is taking your joy in the Lord, crucial for living with steadfast faith in this world?

Point 2: RELY on the LORD (v. 19)

Question: Faith declares, "You are my strength, Lord!" Will your confidence be in Him?

Question #5

- a) **Rd v. 19:** Even though his situation hasn't changed, where does Habakkuk place His confidence?
- b) Describe what the Name "God, the Lord" means.
- c) Based on question 'b', why is living with dependence on the Lord essential if you are to live with courageous faith?
- d) What thing(s) are you most tempted to put your strength/confidence in that are not the Lord?
- e) Spend time repenting of putting your confidence/strength in those things; and ask the Lord for a deeper faith to rely on Him and put your confidence in Him alone.

Question #6

- a) Describe Habakkuk's journey of faith from 1:1-3:19. Where did he start? Where did he end up? How did he get there?
- b) Is this where you normally end up in the trial? Why or why not?
- c) What lessons was God teaching Habakkuk (and us) about living by faith in God's nature, His way and His works?
- c) How does the gospel empower us to live with courageous faith in the Lord?
- d) Spend time in prayer repenting of your unbelief in God's faithfulness, and asking the Lord for an "even if _____ should not happen, yet I will rejoice in the Lord" faith in Him.

SERIES SUMMARY

Question #7

Way to go Loved Ones! We are now finished our series on the book of Habakkuk!

- a) How has this series impacted how you view God?
- b) How has this series impacted how you view yourself?
- c) What stood out to you the most in this book? Why that?
- d) What area(s) do you need to grow the most in living by faith in the Lord?
- e) What are some ways that you can ask your small group to support you in doing this?
- f) Spend time in prayer thanking the Lord for who He is and for His work through this book.

Prayer Application

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

- a) REVERENCE before God: God, You are the Lord who_____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Lord, I repent of... i) Treasuring _____ over You. ii) Relying on_____ for my strength/confidence over You.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank You for your faithfulness in_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Lord, I ask for: i) Increasing faith to rejoice in You when_____. ii) A greater desire for You than_____. iii) Increasing faith to rely on You and not_____ when.....

Memory Verse:

"Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food,...yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation."

-Habakkuk 3:17-18