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Habakkuk – A Faith that Shines in the Darkness

Growing in Our Faith

Habakkuk 3:1-15

At the beginning of chapter 2, Habakkuk braced himself for God's second answer. God's first answer and His plan did not satisfy the prophet. Habakkuk perched himself on the wall waiting for God to explain His wretched plan. If necessary, Habakkuk was prepared to launch a third complaint at God. However, that is not how Habakkuk responds in chapter 3. Complaint gives way to compliance. Accusation turns to submission. Unbelief becomes worship. Habakkuk pens a beautiful psalm of worship and praise directed to God. In that psalm, we witness the prophet's faith growing and shining brightly into the darkness that surrounds him.

I. Worshipping God helps us grow in our faith. (Hab. 3:1-2)

II. Remembering past victories helps us grow in our faith. (Hab. 3:3-15)

III. Looking forward to future promises helps us grow in our faith. (Hab. 3:3-15)

IV. Prayer helps us grow in our faith. (Hab. 3:2)

1. Revive
2. Reveal
3. Remember

Additional Verses:

Psalm 7

Psalm 77

Proverbs 6:16-19

Isaiah 12:5

Study Questions:

1. How does each of the four points help you grow in your faith?
2. Which area helps your faith grow the most? Why?
3. Describe the tension between God's mercy and wrath? How are those two characteristics seen in Jesus as both the lion and the lamb?
4. What does the blending of past victories and future promises teach you about God?
5. Read Matthew 5:14-16. How are you shining light into darkness?
6. Write your own psalm, poem, or hymn to God.
7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?