

Habakkuk 3:4, 13 NIV – (4) His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from His hand, where His power was hidden. (13) You came out to deliver Your people.

Deuteronomy 4:9 NIV – Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live...Remember.

By remembering how God worked in the past I can trust Him to work in the present and the future.

2. I Will Rejoice

Habakkuk 3:17-19 NIV (17) 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, (18) yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. (19) The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to go on the heights.

Psalms 71:20-21 NIV (20) Though You have made me see troubles, many and bitter, You will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth You will again bring me up. (21) You will increase my honor and comfort me once again.

2 Corinthians 4:8,9, 16, 17 NIV – (8) We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; (9) persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. (16) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (17) For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

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INTRODUCTION

Is faith allowed to question? Is it okay to throw your hands up to heaven and cry out, “Why?” Is it okay to wrestle with God? Is it okay to hurt? Is it okay to be unsure?

Of one thing we are sure: Sooner or later we will all travel through a dark tunnel. How will we handle it? Will we wrestle through or will we give up?

I. HABAKKUK WONDERING

Habakkuk 1:2-4 NIV – (1) 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? (3) 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. (4) Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Habakkuk 1:5 NIV – 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.

Psalms 13:1-2 NIV (1) How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? (2) How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

II. HABAKKUK WATCHING & WAITING

Habakkuk 2:1 NIV – 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.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 NIV (2) Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. (3) For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

1. The Just Shall Live by Faith

Habakkuk 2:4 NIV – The righteous will live by faith.

Faith is not unquestioning. Often the one who has questioned his/her faith and wrestled through is the one whose faith is unshakable.

The one who never questions, never wrestles – often their faith has very little roots and is easily blown over when the big storms come.

If we have the answer to every “why” we would not need faith.

“Trusting God is resting our heart upon the strong and sturdy back of our Heavenly Father.”

2. The Earth Shall be Filled with God’s Glory

Habakkuk 2:14 NIV – For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Psalms 27:13 NIV – I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness/glory of the Lord in the land of the living.

Isaiah 60:1-2 NIV (1) Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. (2) See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

3. The Lord is in His Holy Temple

Habakkuk 2:20 NIV – But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him!

God is very much ruling and overruling in the affairs of mankind and He is at work in your life no matter what things look like.

Isaiah 55:9 NIV – As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 57:15 NIV – For this is what the high and lofty One says – He who lives forever, whose name is holy; I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

III. HABAKKUK WORSHIPPING

1. I Will Remember

Habakkuk 3:2 NIV – Lord, I have heard of Your fame; I stand in awe of Your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.