

# ***A Journey of Faith***

VOICES OF RESISTANCE AND HOPE – Part 10

September 12, 2021

## **An Overview of Habakkuk:**

- Key idea: Living by faith
- Key scripture: Habakkuk 2:4b

## **The Book of Habakkuk in 3 Sections:**

- I. First Complaint and Answer
  - A. Habakkuk's First Complaint (Habakkuk 1:1-4)
  - B. The Lord's Answer (1:5-11)
- II. Second Complaint and Answer
  - A. Habakkuk's Second Complaint (Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:1)
  - B. The Lord's Answer (2:2-20)
- III. Prayer (Habakkuk 3:1-19)

## **Key Passages:**

<sup>2</sup> *How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?*

**Habakkuk 1:2**

<sup>5</sup> *"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.*

**Habakkuk 1:5**

<sup>13</sup> *Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?*

**Habakkuk 1:13**

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

**Habakkuk 2:2**

<sup>4</sup> “See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright— but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness.

**Habakkuk 2:4**

<sup>2</sup> Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

**Habakkuk 3:2**

<sup>16</sup> I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us.

<sup>17</sup> 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,

<sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

<sup>19</sup> The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.

**Habakkuk 3:16-19**

## **Observations from the Book of Habakkuk:**

- 1. Dialogue flows through relationship.**
- 2. Understanding is filtered through faith.**
- 3. Life flourishes through worship.**

## **Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of Sept. 12, 2021.**

### **Opening**

What is your favorite spot to view the sunrise? How often do you go there? What do sunrises bring to mind for you?

### **Digging Deeper Into the Scriptures**

Read Habakkuk 1:2-11

1. What was Habakkuk distressed about? (vv. 2-4)

How did God answer his complaint? (vv. 5-11)

Read Habakkuk 3:1-15

2. In his prayer, how did Habakkuk describe the person of God? (vv. 1-3)

How did he describe God's power? (vv. 4-7)

How did he describe God's actions? (vv. 8-15)

Read Habakkuk 3:16-19

3. Why can the once woeful Habakkuk afford to be so joyful? How has his situation changed?

### **Applying the Scriptures**

1. When told "wait for it," how do you respond? What's tough about waiting? (For dinner? For a bus? For Christmas?)
2. God may seem to be "late," but is invariably "on time." Would Habakkuk say that? Would you?
3. What new meaning would Habakkuk bring to the belief "it's always darkest before the dawn?"

In what area of your life is God's power dawning?

Where are you still waiting in the twilight for the sun to rise?