

FAITH IN THE FRICTION

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IN THE "HABAKKUK" SERIES:

November 9: *Faith in the Friction*

November 16: *Joy in the Journey*

1) When our hearts _____ in the face of injustice,

Habakkuk 1:1-4 (NLT)

(1) This is the message that the prophet Habakkuk received in a vision. (2) How long, O Lord, must I call for help? But you do not listen! "Violence is everywhere!" I cry, but you do not come to save. (3) Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. (4) The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted.

Psalm 13 (NLT)

For the choir director: A psalm of David. (1) O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? (2) How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? (3) Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die. (4) Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall. (5) But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. (6) I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me.

God's grace towards us _____ that His plan is already in motion.

Habakkuk 1:5-6 (NLT)

(5) The Lord replied, "Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it. (6) I am raising up the Babylonians, a cruel and violent people. They will march across the world and conquer other lands.

2) When we are _____ by what feels hopeless,

Habakkuk 1:12-16 (NLT)

(12) O Lord my God, my Holy One, you who are eternal— surely you do not plan to wipe us out? O Lord, our Rock, you have sent these Babylonians to correct us, to punish us for our many sins. (13) But you are pure and cannot stand the sight of evil. Will you wink at their treachery? Should you be silent while the wicked swallow up people more righteous than they? (14) Are we only fish to be caught and killed? Are we only sea creatures that have no leader? (15) Must we be strung up on their hooks and caught in their nets while they rejoice and celebrate? (16) Then they will worship their nets and burn incense in front of them. "These nets are the gods who have made us rich!" they will claim.

God's gentleness creates space for _____.

Habakkuk 1:17 (NLT)

(17) Will you let them get away with this forever? Will they succeed forever in their heartless conquests?

3) When we think God _____,

Habakkuk 2:1 (NLT)

(1) I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost. There I will wait to see what the Lord says and how he will answer my complaint.

FAITH PRECEDES UNDERSTANDING, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

God's _____ us who we are in relationship to Him and calls us back to trust.

Habakkuk 2:2-4 (NLT)

(2) Then the Lord said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. (3) This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed. (4) "Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.

THE WAY WE WAIT DEMONSTRATES OUR TRUST AND FAITH IN WHO GOD IS.

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