

# Habakkuk

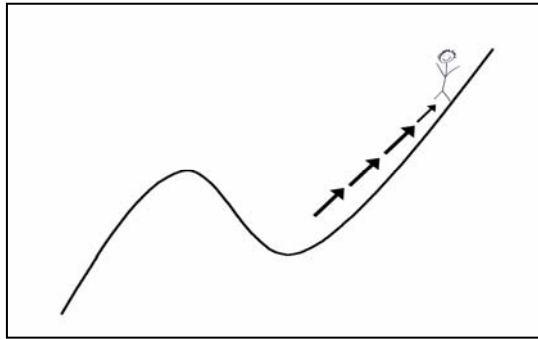
WHEN GOD SEEMS UNFAIR

Message Three: *Climbing Out of the Dip*  
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In Habakkuk 2, a great theme of the entire Bible emerges from Habakkuk's wrestling with the Lord. That theme is *THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH*. From his experience, chapter 3 begins like this,

*A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet: On shigionoth: 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. (NIV)*

With these words, Habakkuk begins to climb out of the dip.



## REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE

*Habakkuk 3:3-6, God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden. Plague went before him; pestilence followed his steps. He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed. His ways are eternal. (NIV)*

There is great **power** in remembering.

*Psalm 77:11-13, I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds...What god is so great as our God? (NIV)*

Practice walking through your **redemptive history**.

### ACCEPT WHAT GOD IS DOING

*Habakkuk 3:16, I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. (NIV)*

Don't be a H-I-T-S Christian: H **ead**

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Painful situations do not mean that God has **forsaken** us.

*Romans 8:35-38, Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death...No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. (NLT)*

### TRUST WHAT GOD WILL DO

Habakkuk 3:17-19, Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit 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, yet I will triumph in the LORD; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like those of a deer and makes me to walk on my high places!

He doesn't **blame** God. He **rejoices** in God.

...because the Lord is his **salvation** and his **strength**

*Makes my feet like those of a deer*

...has designed our feet for climbing

*My high places*

...a challenging, difficult place

*Makes me walk on my high places*

...enables us to go where we could not go on our own