



Message Outline

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Habakkuk 3:16-19

When God Doesn't Change the Circumstances

SERIES: *When God Doesn't*

What do we do when we can't change our situation? And neither, apparently, will God?

****THOUGH...****

...my circumstances don't change

Habakkuk 3:17

...and I am trembling

Habakkuk 3:16

****YET...****

...I will wait

Habakkuk 3:16

...And I will rejoice

Habakkuk 3:18

How is that even possible?

Because God gives me strength

Habakkuk 3:19a

Because God gives me agility

Habakkuk 3:19b

Because God gives me perspective

Habakkuk 3:19c



Questions for Further Reflection & Discussion

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1. Have you ever been somewhere with a great view that required more effort to get there than you expected? Was it worth it?
2. Review Habakkuk 3:16-19 and the outline. What words or phrases stand out to you in these verses? What part of the message stood out for you?
3. What do you notice about the progression from verse 16 to verse 19?
4. Verse 16 says Habakkuk trembled, yet verse 18 says, "I will rejoice." What does that tell us about the relationship between faith and feelings?
5. Habakkuk says, "Though the fig tree does not bud..." and then lists several things that could go wrong. What are some of the "thoughts" people face today?
6. What do you think is the difference between pretending everything is okay and choosing to trust God when things are not okay?
7. Verse 19 says, "The Sovereign LORD is my strength." How is God's strength different from simply asking God to make a difficult situation go away?
8. Habakkuk ends by saying God enables him to "tread on the heights." What do you think that picture communicates?
9. Share prayer requests with one another perhaps incorporating the phrase, "Even if _____ doesn't change, I want to trust God by _____."