

## Sing Anyway

Text: Habakkuk 3:1–19

### Bottom Line:

Even though nothing may change on the outside, worship can change us on the inside.

### Key Idea:

Habakkuk moves from wondering, to watching, to waiting, and finally to worship. His circumstances have not changed, but he has. He learns to remember what God has done, accept what God is doing, and trust what God will do.

## READ

Read **Habakkuk 3:1–2, 16–19** aloud.

Habakkuk begins this final chapter with a prayer set to music. He is still facing fear, judgment, and uncertainty. The Babylonians are still coming. The future still looks painful. But Habakkuk has learned to bring his trembling body and honest heart before God in worship.

He does not worship because everything is fixed. He worships because God is still God.

## DISCUSS

1. Habakkuk begins with lament in chapter 1 and ends with worship in chapter 3. What does this movement teach us about mature faith?
2. Why do we often think worship requires us to feel better, understand more, or have resolution first?
3. Habakkuk remembers God's past faithfulness before he faces his present fear. Why is remembering so important when life feels uncertain?
4. What does it mean to say, "Worship holds onto the Who when we don't like the what"?

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## COME AND SEE

### Habakkuk Worships Honestly

Habakkuk 3 is not calm, polished, detached religion. Habakkuk brings his whole self before God: awe, fear, trembling, grief, and faith. See also: **Psalm 13; Psalm 42:5–11; Psalm 77:1–15**

### Remembering Strengthens Faith

Habakkuk asks God to renew His deeds “in our day” and remembers God’s mighty acts of salvation. Biblical faith often looks backward in order to move forward. We remember who God has been so we can trust who God still is. See also: **Exodus 14:13–14; Deuteronomy 8:2–3; Psalm 103:1–5; Lamentations 3:21–24**

### **Faith Does Not Deny Fear**

Habakkuk 3:16 describes physical fear: trembling, weakness, and terror. Yet he waits. Faith is not the absence of fear. Faith is bringing our fear under the lordship of God and waiting with Him. See also: **Psalm 56:3–4; Mark 9:24; 2 Corinthians 4:7–10**

### **Joy Can Defy Circumstances**

Habakkuk imagines total loss: no figs, no grapes, no olives, no crops, no flocks, no cattle. These represent present comfort, future provision, and economic security. Yet he says, “I will rejoice in the LORD.” His joy is not rooted in what he has, but in the God of his salvation. See also: **Philippians 4:4–13; Romans 5:1–5; James 1:2–4; 1 Peter 1:6–9**

### **God Gives Feet for the Heights**

Habakkuk ends by saying the Sovereign Lord is his strength and makes his feet like the feet of a deer, enabling him to tread on the heights. God does not always give us an easy path. Sometimes He gives us stronger feet. See also: **Psalm 18:31–36; Isaiah 40:28–31; 2 Corinthians 12:9–10**

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## **FOLLOW ME**

### **1. Remember What God Has Done**

Habakkuk rehearses God’s record of faithfulness before he faces the future.

- Where has God shown His faithfulness in your life before?
- What answered prayers, preserved relationships, unexpected mercies, or sustaining graces do you need to remember?
- Do you have a way of recording God’s faithfulness, or do you mostly rely on memory?

#### **Practice:**

Write down three moments when God met you, sustained you, corrected you, provided for you, or carried you.

### **2. Accept What God Is Doing Without Pretending**

Habakkuk accepts that hardship is coming, but he does not pretend it is easy.

- What reality in your life are you struggling to accept?
- Where are you tempted to deny, minimize, or spiritually dress up your pain?
- What would honest faith sound like in this season?

### 3. Trust What God Will Do

Habakkuk's joy rests in "the God of my salvation." He trusts that God will ultimately save, restore, and make all things right.

- What future fear most often steals your joy?
- How does Jesus' death and resurrection strengthen your confidence that God's final word is salvation?

#### Reflect:

Jesus is the greater "Anointed One" through whom God has gone out for the salvation of His people. See **Habakkuk 3:13; Matthew 1:21; Acts 4:12**

### 4. Choose Defiant Worship

Habakkuk does not say, "Because everything is good, I will rejoice." He says, "Though everything falls apart, yet I will rejoice."

- What circumstances most often determine your joy?
- Where do you need to worship before you feel resolved?
- What song, Scripture, prayer, or declaration helps you cling to God when life is still hard?

#### Complete this sentence:

Even though \_\_\_\_\_, yet I will \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5. Ask for Deer Feet, Not Just a Smooth Path

Habakkuk ends with strength, not escape.

- Are you mostly asking God to remove difficulty, or also asking Him to strengthen you in it?
- Who do you know who has learned to walk faithfully in hard places? What do you see in them that you want God to form in you?

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## GO AND BE

This week, practice worship that does not depend on circumstances.

## 1. Build a Record of Faithfulness

Create a simple list titled: “**God Has Been Faithful.**”

Add at least five examples from your life:

- prayers God answered,
- people God used,
- strength God gave,
- sins God forgave,
- doors God opened or closed,
- seasons God carried you through.

Return to the list when fear gets loud.

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## 2. Write Your “Even Though, Yet I Will” Declaration

Fill in the sentence honestly:

**Even though** \_\_\_\_\_, **yet I will** \_\_\_\_\_.

Examples:

- Even though I do not see the answer yet, yet I will keep praying.
- Even though I am afraid, yet I will rejoice in the Lord.
- Even though the future feels uncertain, yet I will trust the God of my salvation.
- Even though my circumstances have not changed, yet I will sing anyway.

Pray it out loud each day this week.

## 3. Sing Anyway

Choose one worship song, hymn, or Psalm to carry with you this week.

Sing it, pray it, or read it aloud:

- in the car,
- before bed,
- on a walk,
- before a hard conversation,
- in the middle of anxiety.

Do not wait until you feel strong to worship. Worship the Lord who becomes your strength.