Habakkuk "How to Overcome Spiritual Low-Points" Habakkuk 3 June 11, 2017

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## I will choose to <u>worship</u> God.

<sup>20</sup>But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.<sup>1</sup>A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On *shigionoth*. Habakkuk 2:20-3:1

#### • Těphillah (tef·il·lä'): <u>prayer; devotional address to</u> <u>God; personal desires for God to do something</u>

WORSHIP INVITES GOD TO RELEASE HIS <u>PRESENCE</u> AND <u>POWER</u> AMONG HIS PEOPLE.

## Worship helps me:

• <u>Remember</u> what God has done.

<sup>2</sup> LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Renew them in our day; in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy. Habakkuk 3:2

- ♦ Chayah (khä·yä'): renew, revive, restore, repeat (see Habakkuk 3:3-15)
- <u>Fear</u> who God is.

<sup>16</sup> I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Habakkuk 3:16a

## Worship helps me:

# • <u>Accept</u> what God is doing.

<sup>16</sup>...Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us.Habakkuk 3:16b

### • <u>Trust</u> what God is going to do.

<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree does not bud and though there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the field produces no fruit, 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. Habakkuk 3:17-19

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What was your "A-Ha" from Sunday's message? Why did this stand out to you?
- 2. During a very hard time, Habakkuk chose to remember what God had done in the past. How does what Habakkuk remember in chapter 3 compare with what the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 18? What is one or two of your favorite "God memories?"
- 3. Read Habakkuk 3:2. What does "awe" mean? Describe a time when, like Habakkuk, you were "awed" by God.
- 4. Describe a time when you had to accept that God was doing something you didn't like. What brought you to a point of acceptance?
- 5. Habakkuk apparently had a deeper faith (chapter 3) after questioning God's justice (chapters 1-2). He resolved total allegiance and devotion to God no matter what. How are you growing to that point?
- 6. Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-20. What best helps you worship God? How should a person go to the house of God (5:1)? How did Solomon encourage us to conduct ourselves in the house of God (5:2-3)? Why should we stand in awe of God (5:7)? Why is it important to approach God with the right attitude? What does it mean to stand in awe of God?