Series: Habakkuk

Message: Choosing to Worship God June 12, 2011

HABAKKUK'S DECISION

1. Remember what God has done. (3:1-15)

2. Accept what God will do. (3:16)

3. Trust what God will do. (3:17-18)

4. Rejoice in God who saves the day! (3:18-19)

OUR RESPONSE:

Even though ______ yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

NEXT STEPS

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation. Join with a life group and continue to grow by using these study questions this week.

During a very hard time, Habakkuk remembered the awesome things God had done in the past. What is one or two of your favorite "God memories?"

Think back on a time when you had to accept that God was doing something you didn't like... What brought you to this point of acceptance?

Habakkuk apparently had a deeper faith after taking the risk of questioning God's justice. He resolved total allegiance and devotion to God no matter what happened. How are you growing in trusting God with your life?

What's been the biggest "take-away" from the Habakkuk series for you?

Going Deeper

Read Habakkuk 3:1-3.

Describe a time when God gave you hope through something amazing He did in the life of another person:

The word "awe" describes a mixed emotion of reverence, respect and wonder inspired by authority, great beauty, or might. Describe a time when, like Habakkuk, you were "awed" by God's creation:

Do you feel like your relationship with God changed through this experience? If so, how?

In the face of circumstances that were not going to improve throughout his lifetime, Habakkuk is still able to say this about God:

"... yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He will make me as surefooted as a deer and bring me safely over the mountains."

Habakkuk 3:18-19

Has there been a time in your life when God gave you joy even though your circumstances appeared hopeless?

Habakkuk moved from hopelessness to joy over three chapters of this book. In what areas of your life would you like God to take you from hopelessness to joy?

Take a few moments and, in your own words, pray through the following:

- Thank God for the amazing things you've seen Him do and heard about from others.
- Tell Him about your "awe" of Him.
- Ask Him to bring the joy of your relationship with Him to the places in your life that seems hopeless.

For Further Study

Read over Hebrews 11 and how God built the faith of those who have placed their trust in Him throughout biblical history.

Read 1 Chronicles 16:7-43.

When was the last time you felt overwhelmed with thankfulness or gratitude?

According to David, why should we give thanks to the Lord? (v. 8)

What should people tell others about God? (v. 9)

What attitude should a person have toward God? (v. 10-12)

What had God done for Israel? (15-22)

How did David express his thanks to God?

How should we express our thanks and appreciation to God?

For what specific reasons should we praise the Lord?

How can praising the Lord change our attitude and outlook on life?

What are some of the reasons you have to be thankful?