

JOURNEY WAYPOINTS

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A stop along the journey to study, share, and support one another while we learn the way of Jesus.

This Week's Big Idea:

Yet I will rejoice!

Scripture and Study:

KEY TEXT: Habakkuk 3; Philippians 4:4; Isaiah 40:28 [Click here to access this week's scripture](#)

Habakkuk's journey in chapter 3 transforms his doubts into a triumphant hymn of trust. Writing amid Judah's sin and the looming threat of Babylonian oppression, the prophet shifts from questioning God's justice to a passionate prayer of praise. His declaration, "Yet I will rejoice," is not naive optimism but a deliberate act of faith, because he knows he serves a faithful, unchanging God. This choice of joy reorients his heart from despair to worship, and shows us what it means to trust God, even when circumstances seem hopeless or broken.

Habakkuk begins with a prayer, recalling God's mighty acts and pleading for renewed mercy and revival. His awe of God's past faithfulness—seen in events like the Exodus or Sinai—anchors his hope, even as judgment and destruction seem inevitable. This remembrance is not mere nostalgia but it is a discipline of faith that aligns his heart with God's proven character. N.T. Wright says, "When we begin to glimpse the reality of God, the natural reaction is to worship him." This worship flows from beholding God's majesty. Habakkuk's vision of the divine warrior unveils a God whose splendor fills the earth, shattering mountains and redeeming His people. This theophany reorients Habakkuk's perspective, and reminds us that God's glory transcends our trials.

The climax of Habakkuk's prayer is his resolute joy: "Though the fig tree does not bud... yet I will rejoice because of the LORD". This trembling, determined trust, as Charles Spurgeon describes, sings loudest when "everything is against us." Habakkuk's faith mirrors the joy of Jesus in Hebrews 12:2, who endured the cross for the joy set before Him. Such joy is not tied to circumstances, but instead to who God is. This enables us to rise above circumstances "like deer treading rugged heights". Habakkuk, in three short chapters, has moved from burden to blessing, from worry to worship, from restlessness to rest, from a problem to God's Person, and from a complaint to consolation. Because of who God is, and because he has waited, listened, and seen the Almighty Yahweh who is always faithful, Habakkuk can choose to rejoice.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to rejoice in God's character rather than based on your circumstances? How can you practice this in daily life?
- How does recalling God's past faithfulness in your life or Scripture help you face present challenges with hope and worship?
- How does Habakkuk's choice to rejoice amid loss challenge you to respond to your own trials or uncertainties?

Apply It:

- **Reflect:** In a quiet moment of prayer, recall a time when God's faithfulness sustained you through difficulty. Journal about it: How did God reveal His character? How did trusting Him through waiting or hardship shape your faith? Consider a current struggle—how might God's past actions give you confidence in His present work?
- **Pray:** Bring your fears, losses, or uncertainties to God. Thank Him for His unchanging nature and strength. Ask for the grace to choose joy, like Habakkuk, and for His Spirit to fill you with hope. Pray for revival in your heart or community, trusting God's mercy to shine through.
- **Act:** Write a short prayer, poem, or song of praise, even if your circumstances feel barren. Pause daily to meditate on God's majesty. Take one practical step of faith: encourage someone with a promise from Scripture, serve in a small way, or share your testimony of God's faithfulness.