

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What questions do you want God to answer?
- Do you agree with Habakkuk's words in Habakkuk 3:17-18? Why or why not?
- Why can we have patience, faith, and joy in a world broken by sin?

Habakkuk the Prophet

Habakkuk

STORY POINT: HABAKKUK LEARNED TO HAVE FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD.

Habakkuk the prophet prayed to God. "Why do You let bad things happen?" Habakkuk asked.

God answered, "Watch! I am doing something amazing, something you wouldn't believe if I told you."

Then God told Habakkuk what was going to happen. God was raising up enemies—the mighty Babylonians. The Babylonians were going to come and make God's people prisoners!

"Why do it this way, Lord?" Habakkuk asked.

God answered, "Be patient. It may seem like evil people are winning now, but they won't win in the end."

Habakkuk praised God for His power. The Babylonians were going to come, and life for the people in Judah would be very hard for a while. But Habakkuk had faith, and he would wait for the day when God would rescue His people from the Babylonians.

Finally Habakkuk said, "Even if the trees and vines do not produce fruit, even if nothing grows in the fields, and even if there are no sheep in the pens and no cattle in the barns, I will be glad because of the Lord. I will rejoice in God who saves."

Christ Connection: Habakkuk lived at a time when evil seemed to be everywhere. By faith, he trusted God's promise that God would deliver His people. Injustice, violence, and wickedness surround us today, but we can live by faith and trust that Jesus will return to make all things right.



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