

OVERLOOKED — Week 5

HABAKKUK: When Faith Doesn't Change the Outcome

Scripture: Habakkuk 3:17–19

Key Takeaway: Real faith chooses to trust God's character even when life doesn't make sense.

Opening Discussion

- Have you ever prayed for something and received an answer different from what you hoped? How did you respond?

1. Faith Doesn't Mean Life Will Go the Way We Want

Read Habakkuk 3:17.

Habakkuk describes losing the things that provided food, income, and security. His faith didn't mean he would be spared from hardship.

1. Why do you think we sometimes expect life to go well when we're trying to follow God faithfully?
2. How can disappointment or unanswered prayer affect our relationship with God?
3. How can we encourage someone who is experiencing hardship without suggesting they've done something wrong?

2. Faith Means Trusting God Even When Life Doesn't Go the Way We Want

Read Habakkuk 3:18.

Even after describing devastating loss, Habakkuk declares that he will rejoice in the Lord. His joy rests in God, not in getting the outcome he wants.

1. What stands out to you about Habakkuk's words, "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD"?
2. What's the difference between trusting God to give us what we want and trusting God because of who He is?
3. How can we continue to trust God when our prayers seem unanswered or our circumstances don't change?

3. Faith Finds Strength in God When We Cannot Control the Outcome

Read Habakkuk 3:19.

Habakkuk describes God as his strength, enabling him to walk through difficult terrain. Sometimes God changes our circumstances; other times, He gives us strength to keep going.

1. What are some things we tend to depend on for security besides God?
2. How does the picture of God giving Habakkuk sure-footedness change the way you think about facing difficulties?
3. What is one situation in your life where you need to rely on God's strength rather than trying to control the outcome?

Putting It into Practice

This week, identify one situation you cannot control. Continue praying about it, but also ask God to help you trust His character and find strength in Him, whatever the outcome.

Close in Prayer