



Choosing To Trust

Text: Habakkuk 3:16-19

Series: *Trusting God In Troubled Times*, Book of Habakkuk, #8

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Theme: **You always can choose to trust God.**

Habakkuk's circumstances: Terrifying.

1. Real and certain terror.
(16; see also Jeremiah 1:11; 2:10-12, 19-22; 3:1-18; 4:10)
2. Possible terror. (17; see also Deuteronomy 8:7-9)

Habakkuk's response: Fear.

1. Agitated. (16)
2. Speechless. (16)
3. He felt like he was wasting away. (16; see also Proverbs 3:8; 15:30)
4. Shaky. (16; see also Deuteronomy 33:27)

Habakkuk's choice: Faith.

1. "Why?"
(19; see also Deuteronomy 33:29; 1 Chronicles 29:12; Psalm 28:7; Isaiah 41:10)
2. Choosing to trust God leads to joy in God.
(18; see also Lamentations 2:11; 3:17-26, 48-49)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read the entire book of Habakkuk (it is only 56 verses). As you reflect on the book, record the major truths and lessons God has pointed out to you as we have worked through it.

Tuesday. Habakkuk faced real and certain terrifying circumstances (3:16) as well as some which were hypothetical but possible (3:17). He chose to trust God. List the problems you face in one column and potential ones you think about in another. Think through what it means to trust God in each one. Make the choice to trust Him, and pray through the lists stating your trust to God.

Wednesday. Habakkuk's initial response to all he saw going on and heard of God's impending judgment was fear (see 3:16). That was normal. But he did not allow that fear to settle down and take control. He looked to God and His truth and chose to believe, to trust. Review the lists you made yesterday and your response to God about them. Are you moving from fear to trusting God today?

Thursday. The closing verse in the book gives us Habakkuk's personal understanding and experience that led him to keep on trusting, praising and finding joy in God. Summarize that in personal terms for yourself and your situation. Choosing to trust God does not banish all the terrible things (Judah was judged), but it does lead to joy in God (3:18). Reflect and act on this reality today.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look some basics truths about heaven and hell. Reflect on what you know and your questions about heaven and hell as you prepare for our time of worship on Sunday. We plan to begin a new series in the gospel of John on March 12.