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**Rejoicing In God During Uncertain Times**

Habakkuk 3:17-19

**Key Truth:** How we react and respond to God’s plans shows our faith.

**Habakkuk’s Complaint:**

1. It seemed like evil was winning the day and God was not

 concerned.

2. Israel was experiencing a financial crisis while its enemies

 were prospering.

**Principles To Live By:**

1. Instead of complaining about your circumstances, ask God

 how you are to respond in the midst of your circumstances.

2. Choose joy over happiness.

 A. Choose joy in sorrow because God never left you.

 B. Choose joy because of God’s provision and protection.

 C. Choose joy because of family.

 D. Choose joy in Jesus Christ because He never changes.

3. Despite the appearance of the triumph of evil, God is in

 control and can be trusted to make all things right.

4. The ability to have joy in the midst of turmoil is a Christian

 witness.

5. We don’t know what the future holds but we know that

 Jesus Christ controls the future.

T**aking It Beyond The Walls**: Praise God for His blessings that are evident and for His work that we are not yet able to see or comprehend. Trust Him regardless of your circumstances.

**Food For Thought**

What evidence have you seen of God at work in the world?

If you never saw another piece of evidence for the work of God, would you still worship Him? Why or why not?

Read Habakkuk 3:2: How does what God has done for His people in the past fuel our trust in His work in the present and future?

Read Habakkuk 3:17-19: How would you have responded if you had lived in Judah at the time?

How did Habakkuk respond? How did he get to the place where he could praise God?

How can you rejoice and trust in God when troubles and suffering come?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10: How were Paul and Habakkuk similar in the way they interacted with God? Why did both of them plead with God?

In what ways can your prayers be more like those of Habakkuk and Paul? What would it look like to pray for your nation the way that Habakkuk prayed for his?