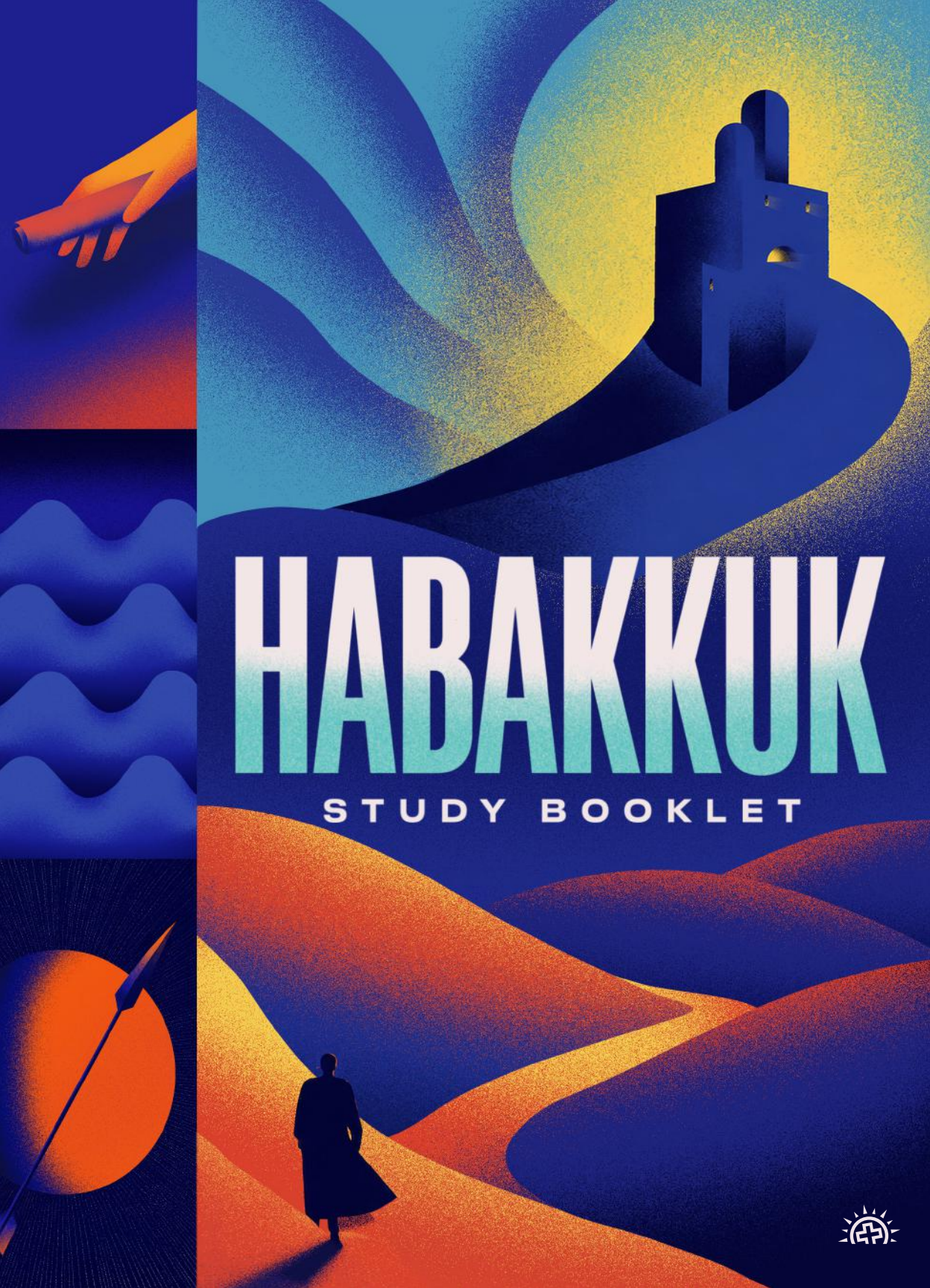
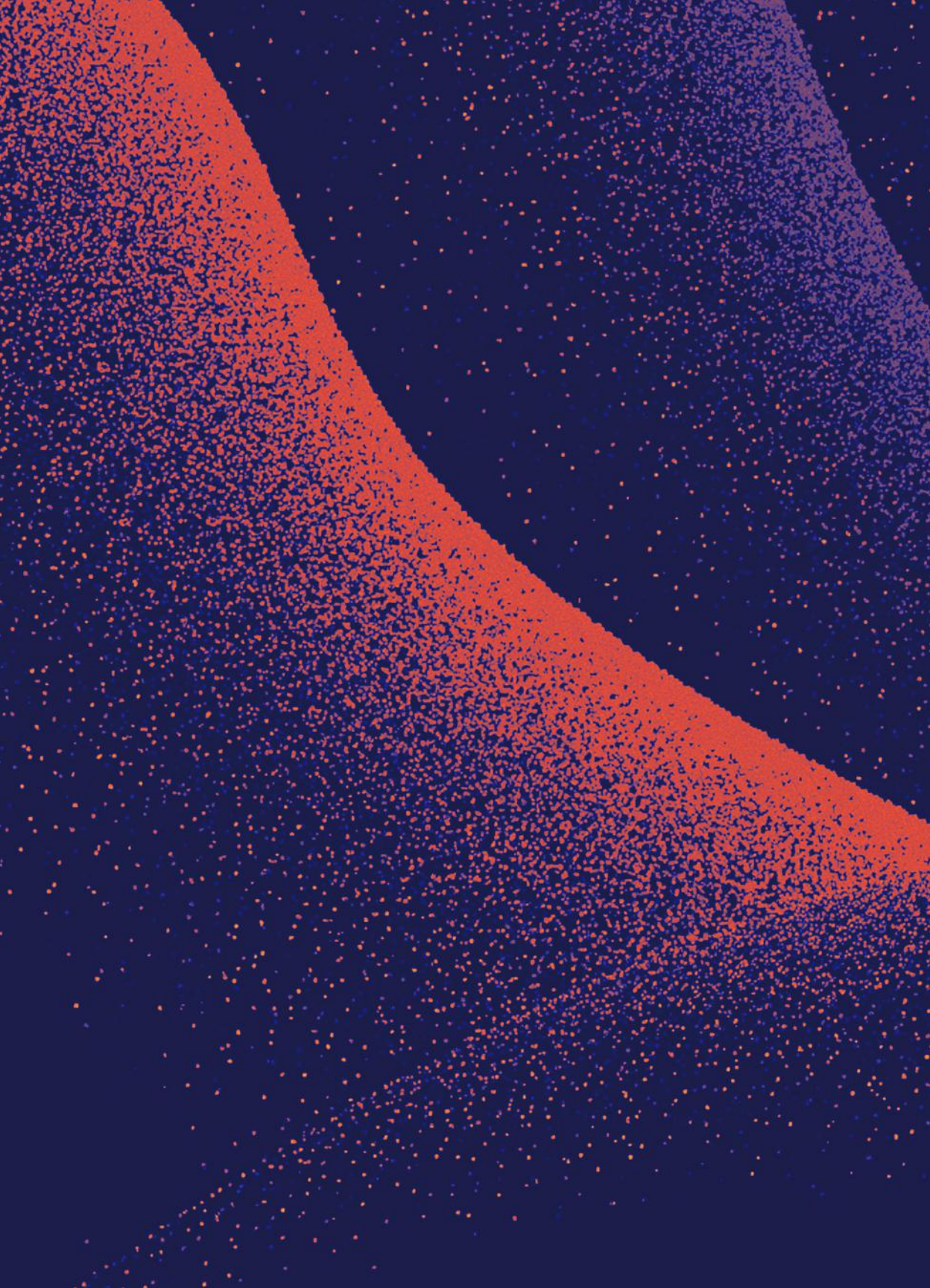


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HABAKKUK

STUDY BOOKLET





As you study the Book of Habakkuk, his conversation with God may seem familiar to you. His dialogue is vulnerable, curious, and honest. He looks at the wickedness and injustice surrounding him and begs the questions:

"IS GOD REALLY GOOD?"

"IS HE REALLY TRUSTWORTHY?"

"IS HIS WAY TRULY BEST?"

"GOD, WHERE ARE YOU IN ALL OF THIS?"

"HOW MUCH LONGER, LORD?"

"WHY CAN'T I SEE OR FEEL YOU?"

You're not alone, and your questions aren't new. The good news is they're also not too much for God to handle. The Book of Habakkuk gives us an honest and deeply relevant picture of faith in the middle of confusion, injustice, suffering, and waiting. This isn't a book filled with easy answers that minimize your pain. What makes this story so powerful is that Habakkuk brings his questions directly to the Lord. He doesn't run from God because of his frustration; he runs to God with it and lays it all at His feet. God invites you to do the same.

Our prayer is that as you dig into this study, you'll be led to a deeper trust in God as you learn to bring Him all your questions, grief, confusion, and frustration. Through Habakkuk's story, you'll discover how to wrestle with God well and walk away with resilience, hope, faith, and fresh vision for your life after encountering His holiness.

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**“AND THE LORD ANSWERED
ME: ‘WRITE THE VISION;
MAKE IT PLAIN ON TABLETS,
SO HE MAY RUN WHO
READS IT.’”**

—HABAKKUK 2:2 (ESV)

A LITTLE BACKGROUND

Habakkuk writes during a dark and unstable time in Judah's history when the people of God were marked by violence, injustice, idolatry, corruption, and spiritual rebellion. Habakkuk looks at the moral collapse around him and asks God why He seems silent.

The dialogue that ensues is powerful because it reminds us that faithful people can have real doubts, real frustrations, and real questions that should drive them toward God, not away from Him. Take a closer look at the place in history Habakkuk finds himself in.

722 BC

ASSYRIA CONQUERS ISRAEL: NORTHERN KINGDOM FALLS

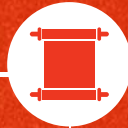
Because of Israel's repeated idolatry, corrupt leadership, and unfaithfulness to God, they're given over to the Assyrians.



931 BC

SOLOMON'S REIGN ENDS: THE KINGDOM DIVIDES

Israel becomes the northern kingdom, and Judah becomes the southern kingdom. Jerusalem, the temple, and the line of David all remain in Judah.



640 BC

KING JOSIAH REIGNS: JUDAH EXPERIENCES REVIVAL

King Josiah rediscovers the law, presents it to the people, renews their covenant with God, and cleanses the land from all idols, ushering in a brief time of national obedience.

625 BC

HABAKKUK'S MINISTRY BEGINS: A PROPHET IN TURMOIL

Habakkuk enters the story as a prophet who experiences life under King Josiah and witnesses the rapid decline before his very eyes, causing him to cry out to God about it. This book is written shortly before the Babylonian invasion.



586 BC

JUDAH CONQUERED BY BABYLON: THE PROPHECY FULFILLED

After a few sieges since King Josiah's death, God's prophecy to Habakkuk regarding justice for Judah's wickedness is fulfilled. While under Babylonian captivity, the story of Daniel takes place.



609 BC

KING JOSIAH DIES: JUDAH REVERTS TO WICKEDNESS

Despite temporary revival and the warning from Israel's fall nearly 100 years earlier, Judah's descent into living in idolatry, wickedness, and violence only intensifies when Josiah dies.



HABAKKUK'S STORY IS OUR STORY

GOD WANTS YOUR HONESTY

Habakkuk addresses God with reverence in his hopelessness and confusion. He calls Him “Lord . . . My God, my Holy One . . . my Rock” (Habakkuk 1:12 NIV). Knowing God’s character allows him to ask questions with a childlike faith. God doesn’t condemn Habakkuk for asking questions; rather, He invites Habakkuk into His presence to know Him better. **When you come to God with your honesty, He’ll magnify His glory and holiness, deepen your love and trust, and make your worship that much richer.**

GOD’S FAITHFULNESS IS TRUSTWORTHY

When God answers Habakkuk, He displays His divine justice and mercy. He doesn’t let evil go unpunished; He brings judgment so people will come to repentance. His righteousness always goes hand in hand with His steadfast love. **While it may be beyond our understanding, God’s divine justice and mercy go together so all the world may see and know that He is God (Habakkuk 2:14)! Time and time again, God proves Himself faithful.**

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH

God tells Habakkuk that “the righteous one will live by his faith” (Habakkuk 2:4 CSBA). God knows that reminding him of His faithfulness is the hope he needs to continue walking with faith in the face of suffering and evil. As C.S. Lewis once said, “Faith is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods.” **Remember that your faith is an ongoing journey, not a destination.**

JESUS ENTERED SUFFERING FOR YOU

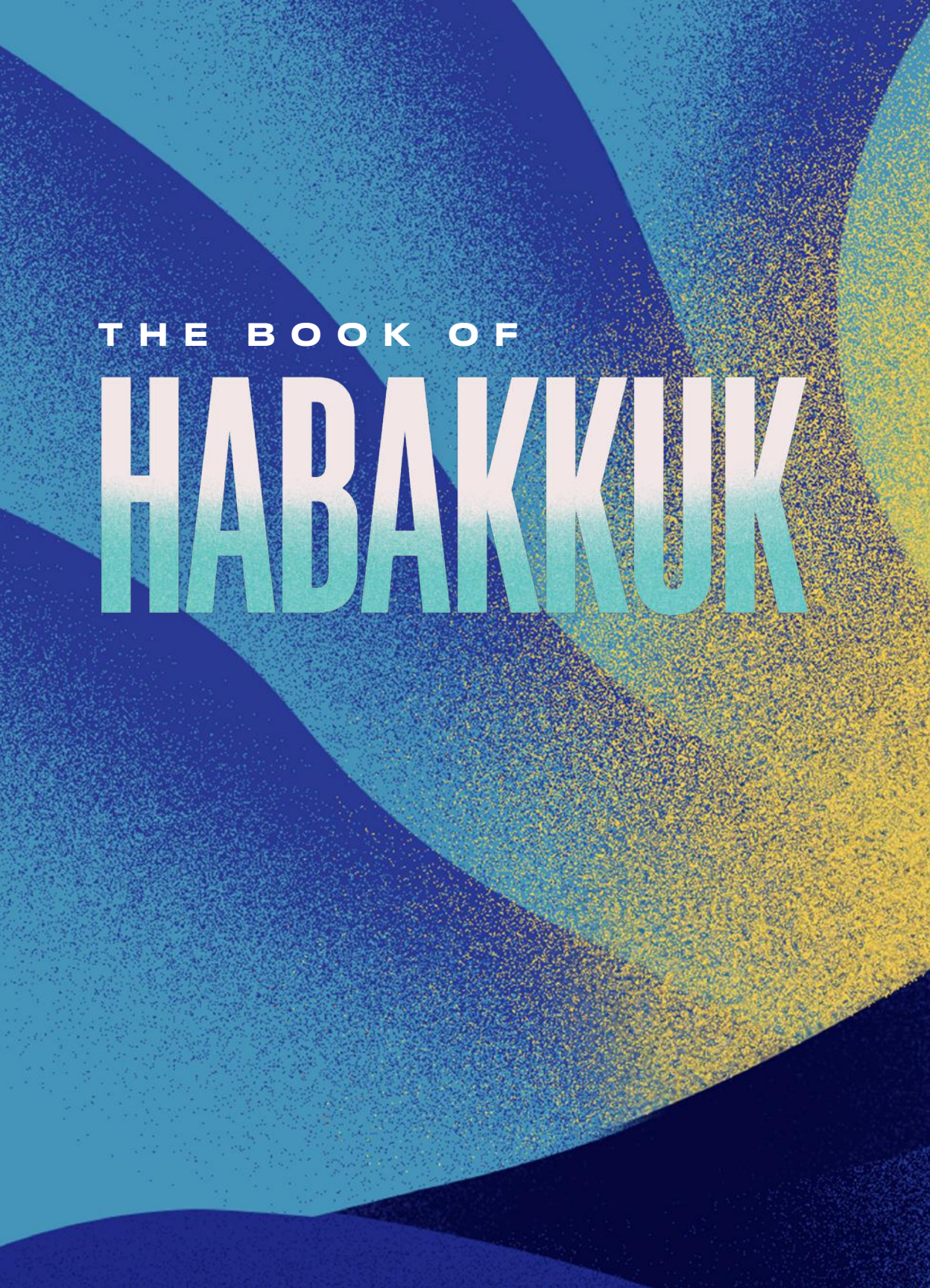
Habakkuk had no idea that God's plan involved Jesus taking on flesh to enter the same wicked world that overwhelmed him. Jesus, the holy Son, fully God and fully man, entered and endured suffering on your behalf. You don't suffer alone because Jesus suffered too! He knows what it's like to cry out to God in anguish. **He also knows what it's like to be sustained and revived through suffering—and He offers you the same in your pain.**

PRAYING THROUGH THE WAITING

Perhaps you're still questioning, "What's the purpose of prayer then?" Prayer grounds and forms you. Drawing near to God in prayer requires slowing down, denying avoidance, and voicing your pain. In prayer, you become more aware of God's presence. He mourns and identifies with your cries. Habakkuk doesn't see God show up indifferently. Instead, he sees God draw near with genuine care for His people. **In prayers of "How long?" God opens your heart to take hope in Christ, who will make all things right in His time.**

THE FUTURE HOPE OF GLORY

God's answer is more than a reminder of His character—it's a promise for the future (Habakkuk 2:3). It's the same promise Paul clung to as he wrote that our suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope (Romans 5:1–5), and that "our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:17 NIV). The future of God dwelling with His people in a new heaven and earth from Revelation 21 is real! **In suffering, what seems like a dead end actually becomes a doorway for glory to enter—for new life and deeper communion with God.**



THE BOOK OF

HABAKKUK



The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

Habakkuk's Complaint

"How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?
Or cry out to you, 'Violence!'
but you do not save?
Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.
Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked hem in the righteous,
so that justice is perverted."

The Lord's Answer

"Look at the nations and watch—
and be utterly amazed.
For I am going to do something in your days
that you would not believe,
even if you were told.
I am raising up the Babylonians,
that ruthless and impetuous people,
who sweep across the whole earth
to seize dwellings not their own.
They are a feared and dreaded people;
they are a law to themselves
and promote their own honor.
Their horses are swifter than leopards,
fiercer than wolves at dusk.
Their cavalry gallops headlong;
their horsemen come from afar.
They fly like an eagle swooping to devour;
they all come intent on violence.
Their hordes advance like a desert wind
and gather prisoners like sand.
They mock kings
and scoff at rulers.
They laugh at all fortified cities;

by building earthen ramps they capture them.
Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—
guilty people, whose own strength is their god.”

Habakkuk’s Second Complaint

“Lord, are you not from everlasting?
My God, my Holy One, you will never die.
You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment;
you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.
Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;
you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.
Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?
Why are you silent while the wicked
swallow up those more righteous than themselves?
You have made people like the fish in the sea,
like the sea creatures that have no ruler.
The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks,
he catches them in his net,
he gathers them up in his dragnet;
and so he rejoices and is glad.
Therefore he sacrifices to his net
and burns incense to his dragnet,
for by his net he lives in luxury
and enjoys the choicest food.
Is he to keep on emptying his net,
destroying nations without mercy?
I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.”

The Lord’s Answer

“Then the Lord replied:
‘Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.
For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.
Though it linger, wait for it;

it will certainly come
 and will not delay.
 See, the enemy is puffed up;
 his desires are not upright—
 but the righteous person will live by
 his faithfulness—
 indeed, wine betrays him;
 he is arrogant and never at rest.
 Because he is as greedy as the grave
 and like death is never satisfied,
 he gathers to himself all the nations
 and takes captive all the peoples.
 Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and
 scorn, saying,
 “Woe to him who piles up stolen goods
 and makes himself wealthy by extortion!
 How long must this go on?”
 Will not your creditors suddenly arise?
 Will they not wake up and make you tremble?
 Then you will become their prey.
 Because you have plundered many nations,
 the peoples who are left will plunder you.
 For you have shed human blood;
 you have destroyed lands and cities and
 everyone in them.
 Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain,
 setting his nest on high
 to escape the clutches of ruin!
 You have plotted the ruin of many peoples,
 shaming your own house and forfeiting your life.
 The stones of the wall will cry out,
 and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.
 Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed
 and establishes a town by injustice!
 Has not the Lord Almighty determined
 that the people’s labor is only fuel for the fire,
 that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing?
 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the
 glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
 Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors,
 pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk,

so that he can gaze on their naked bodies!
 You will be filled with shame instead of glory.
 Now it is your turn! Drink and let your nakedness
 be exposed!
 The cup from the Lord's right hand is coming
 around to you,
 and disgrace will cover your glory.
 The violence you have done to Lebanon will
 overwhelm you,
 and your destruction of animals will terrify you.
 For you have shed human blood;
 you have destroyed lands and cities and
 everyone in them.
 Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman?
 Or an image that teaches lies?
 For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation;
 he makes idols that cannot speak.
 Woe to him who says to wood, "Come to life!"
 Or to lifeless stone, "Wake up!"
 Can it give guidance?
 It is covered with gold and silver;
 there is no breath in it.
 The Lord is in his holy temple;
 let all the earth be silent before him."

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth.

"Lord, I have heard of your fame;
 I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.
 Repeat them in our day,
 in our time make them known;
 in wrath remember mercy.
 God came from Teman,
 the Holy One from Mount Paran.
 His glory covered the heavens
 and his praise filled the earth.
 His splendor was like the sunrise;
 rays flashed from his hand,
 where his power was hidden.
 Plague went before him;
 pestilence followed his steps.

He stood, and shook the earth;
 he looked, and made the nations tremble.
 The ancient mountains crumbled
 and the age-old hills collapsed—
 but he marches on forever.
 I saw the tents of Cushan in distress,
 the dwellings of Midian in anguish.
 Were you angry with the rivers, Lord?
 Was your wrath against the streams?
 Did you rage against the sea
 when you rode your horses
 and your chariots to victory?
 You uncovered your bow,
 you called for many arrows.
 You split the earth with rivers;
 the mountains saw you and writhed.
 Torrents of water swept by;
 the deep roared
 and lifted its waves on high.
 Sun and moon stood still in the heavens
 at the glint of your flying arrows,
 at the lightning of your flashing spear.
 In wrath you strode through the earth
 and in anger you threshed the nations.
 You came out to deliver your people,
 to save your anointed one.
 You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness,
 you stripped him from head to foot.
 With his own spear you pierced his head
 when his warriors stormed out to scatter us,
 gloating as though about to devour
 the wretched who were in hiding.
 You trampled the sea with your horses,
 churning the great waters.
 I heard and my heart pounded,
 my lips quivered at the sound;
 decay crept into my bones,
 and my legs trembled.
 Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity
 to come on the nation invading us.
 Though the fig tree does not bud

and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
The Sovereign Lord is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.”

For the director of music.
On my stringed instruments.

HOW TO USE THE SCRIPTURE GUIDE

Each week, follow along with the weekend message notes and simple daily readings that help God's Word move from your mind to your heart—and into your everyday life. Rather than simply reading about Habakkuk's story, you'll have opportunities to slow down, listen to God's voice, reflect on Scripture, pray honestly, and respond in faith. As you do, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you, challenge you, encourage you, and shape you into someone who trusts God more deeply.

SCRIPTURE

Study the main passage and supporting Scriptures, take notes, reflect on the study questions, and reflect on what God's teaching you.

OBSERVATION

Read the passages again and linger on them. Meditate on God's Word and use the questions to let Scripture shape your heart.

APPLICATION

Through the application questions and challenge, take what you've learned and invite the Holy Spirit to shape how you live.

PRAYER

In prayer, you draw near to God and let His Word take root in your heart. Spend intentional time talking with Him using Scripture and prompts.

PRACTICE

Reflect on the main idea of your study and prepare to Sabbath well through intentional rest and connection with Jesus and others.

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WEEK 1

HABAKKUK OVERVIEW

CHURCH NOTES

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GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Use this guide to discuss the week's content with your family, friends, or group!



SCRIPTURE GUIDE:

WEEK 1

DAY ONE: SCRIPTURE

Read all of Habakkuk (pages 12–17).

Habakkuk is short, but it's packed with emotion, questions, and rich dialogue. It starts with Habakkuk crying out to God, and it seems like it's not his first time doing that. He says, "How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?" (Habakkuk 1: 1–2 NIV). He's tired of all the injustice, violence, and destructive behavior of his own people, who are also God's people! While the late King Josiah brought revival, the people returned to their old ways right after he died. Habakkuk was over it.

The beautiful thing about this is that God responds to him! He doesn't tell Habakkuk to stop asking questions. He doesn't invalidate his feelings and frustrations. Instead, God tells him that He's going to use the Babylonians to bring justice to Judah. Habakkuk then questions why God would use even more wicked people to bring punishment. His questions are rooted in God's character, because He knows God's everlasting and holy. Then, he waits. We don't know for how long, but we know he stands at the lookout tower awaiting God's reply.

When God answers, He first tells Habakkuk to write down the vision so one can run with it. His answer will be a pillar of hope and assurance, but it's also a vision. "For . . . an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay" (Habakkuk 2:3 NIV). He continues to list off five warnings to wicked people because God doesn't let them go unpunished. Habakkuk must wait and trust that God will be faithful because that's who He is. After encountering God's power and majesty, he responds with a prayer that reflects on God's glory and strength.

Habakkuk's opening statement of this final prayer has been a pillar for the vision at Calvary: "Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand

in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy” (Habakkuk 3:2 NIV). The heart of Habakkuk’s prayer is that we’d behold God, in all His glory, because that will strengthen our faith to continue praying bold prayers and living in bold obedience—and that’s the heart of our prayer to make disciples and witness God’s faithfulness from one generation to the next.

Read this week’s Scripture in addition to these supporting Scriptures:

Haggai 2:7; Lamentations 3:25–26; Job 13:15; Romans 8:28–39; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. After reading the entire Book of Habakkuk, what keywords or themes stand out to you?

2. What did you notice about God’s character?

3. How does Habakkuk’s view of God change from chapter 1 to chapter 3?

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4. What do his questions and God's answers teach you about bringing your doubts, frustrations, and confusion before the Lord?

DAY TWO: OBSERVATION

Meditate on this week's passage and ask yourself these questions.

1. What stuck out to me through this passage?

2. What is God showing me?

3. What truth can I take with me into today?

DAY THREE: APPLICATION

God's Word invites transformation. Today's about putting what you've learned into practice.

1. How can I cling to God's truth even when I don't understand?

2. Based on what I just learned about God, what habits, attitudes, or changes do I need to make?

3. What can I take away from this passage and apply to my life?

APPLICATION CHALLENGE:

Habakkuk isn't afraid to take his questions, frustrations, and emotions to God. He draws near because he knows God's character, and because he draws near, he leaves knowing God even more intimately. This week, aim to spend 10-60 minutes in honest prayer with God. Whether you speak out loud on a walk, in the car, or write it down in a journal, come to Him with everything and ask Him for fresh vision to be revealed in your life.

DAY FOUR: PRAYER

Scripture to Pray:

"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you."—Psalm 33:20–22 (NIV)

Guided Prayer:

Lord, You uphold, direct, and govern all things according to Your wise and holy will. When I can't understand what You're doing, help me remember that You're faithful, righteous, and good. Teach me to trust Your faithfulness, wait for Your timing, and rest in the certainty that nothing is outside of Your care. Give me eyes to see Your hand at work and a heart that worships You in every season. Amen.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for you and the church to encounter God through the study of Habakkuk.
- Pray for someone you know who's far from God to have the courage to bring their honest questions to Him.

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DAY FIVE: PRACTICE

Looking back on this week's Scripture, remember: Habakkuk teaches us that faith isn't the absence of questions; it's choosing to trust God's character, wait on His timing, and worship Him regardless of our circumstances.

- What is one way I can enjoy God's presence through rest, relationship, or serving others?
- What blessings can I thank God for as I reflect on this week?

This weekend, set aside intentional time to go to church, do something you love with Jesus, and connect with others.

My Weekend Sabbath Plans:

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WEEK 2

HABAKKUK 1-2:1

CHURCH NOTES

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GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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SCRIPTURE GUIDE:

WEEK 2

DAY ONE: SCRIPTURE

Read Habakkuk 1-2:1.

At some point, we've all gone through a "why" phase. Maybe we've seen it in a child who asks endless questions, or we remember it from our own angsty teenage phase. We've all probably heard this answer at some point, too, "Because I said so." Perhaps, we've even used it to answer a curious child ourselves! We naturally want to understand what's happening around us. We want explanations. We want to know why things are the way they are.

Habakkuk is a fascinating book of the Bible because the whole book is a conversation between the prophet and God. Habakkuk sees his community surrounded by defeat and pain. As he cries out to God, "Why?! Why does it seem like evil is winning? Why does it seem like no right is being done in the world? Why is there no justice? Why does it seem like you're absent, God?" God responds by telling Habakkuk that the pain he sees hasn't taken Him by surprise. In fact, God has been and continues to be faithful in the midst of it.

Perhaps Habakkuk's tone towards God has caught you off guard. Who would dare approach the God of the universe so brash and bold? Jerome (347–420 AD) thought the same thing: "For no one has dared with so bold a voice to challenge God to debate about justice."¹ There certainly is a degree of boldness in which Habakkuk approaches God, but that's the beauty of this book. Throughout the Scriptures, one of the most consistent things we see is people who wrestle with God in prayer, and God responds.

What kind of king would welcome a lowly subject into his courts only to have that subject question him or express their grief about the evil he or she has experienced? Yet if you read the

¹ St. Jerome, *Commentaries on the Twelve Prophets*

psalms, this is exactly what God says is proper prayer and worship. We serve a King who rules with kindness and grace. Our King is a loving Father.

When we go before the Lord with all of life's worries and pains, we're welcomed with kindness and made aware of a certain truth: God's sovereignly active in every square inch of the world, including every square inch of our lives. That means we can look around in our situation and believe with hope that God will do something we wouldn't believe even if we were told (Habakkuk 1:5).

Read this week's Scripture in addition to these supporting Scriptures:

Isaiah 43:18–19; Ephesians 3:20–21; 1 Corinthians 2:9

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is Habakkuk's main complaint to God in 1:1–4? What words or phrases show the depth of his frustration, grief, and confusion?

2. How does God answer Habakkuk in 1:5–11? What's surprising or unsettling about God's response?

3. In 1:12–17, what does Habakkuk believe about God even while he's confused by God?

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4. What does Habakkuk do in 2:1 after bringing his questions to God? What does this teach us about faithful waiting, prayer, and listening?

DAY TWO: OBSERVATION

Meditate on this week's passage and ask yourself these questions.

1. What stuck out to me through this passage?

2. What is God showing me?

3. What truth can I take with me into today?

DAY THREE: APPLICATION

God's Word invites transformation. Today's about putting what you've learned into practice.

1. Where in my life am I currently asking God, "Why?"

2. Based on what I just learned about God, what habits, attitudes, or changes do I need to make?

3. What can I take away from this passage and apply to my life?

APPLICATION CHALLENGE:

Habakkuk goes to God with a vision of how the world ought to be. What's wrong with the world as you see it? Have you taken those concerns and fears to God? Make a list of the things you hope God would make new around you, and take time this week to pray through that list.

DAY FOUR: PRAYER

Scripture to Pray:

"How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me."—Psalm 13:1–2, 5–6 (NIV)

Guided Prayer:

“O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us today with your mighty power, and grant that we may fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger; but that all our actions, ordered by your governance, may be righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”—Book of Common Prayer (1662 – Modernized)

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for God to break through in the areas of the world or your life that leave you confused and frustrated.
- Pray God strengthens and sustains vulnerable people groups, such as those with disabilities, in foster care, the homeless, and the immigrant.

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DAY FIVE: PRACTICE

Looking back on this week’s Scripture, remember that because God’s a loving Father and sovereign King, we can bring Him our honest “why?” questions and trust that He’s faithfully at work even when we can’t yet understand what He’s doing.

- What is one way I can enjoy God’s presence through rest, relationship, or serving others?
- What blessings can I thank God for as I reflect on this week?

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My Weekend Sabbath Plans:

WEEK 3

HABAKKUK 2:2-20

CHURCH NOTES

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SCRIPTURE GUIDE:

WEEK 3

DAY ONE: SCRIPTURE

Read Habakkuk 2:2–20.

Are you the type of person who needs to write a to-do list? Whether it's on a notepad, a sticky note, or the phone, writing things down helps us keep the main thing, the main thing. When God answers Habakkuk a second time, he tells him to write down the vision so one can read it and run! This word is also used in Proverbs 18:10 to describe how the righteous “run” to the Lord, our fortified tower, and are safe. Those who run with this message will find security and comfort.

What makes this vision so encouraging? First, the vision “speaks of the end.” The word “speaks” in Hebrew implies breath. God’s actively breathing His plan into action, and it involves both divine judgment and deliverance. Although it may take time, God urges Habakkuk to wait, for God’s righteous justice will come on those who are dishonest, violent, deceivers, murderers, idolaters, and evil. At the same time, God promises that “the righteous person will live by his faithfulness” (Habakkuk 2:4 NIV). After the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, this verse still applies, only now our faith is rooted in the fulfilled promise that “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV).

In Habakkuk 2:14, God declares that His divine justice serves a greater purpose as well! It’s so the entire earth will be filled with the knowledge of His glory. This is the same word used to describe God filling the temple or tabernacle. God desires to dwell with His people, and the ultimate fulfillment of this will come at the end, when God’s dwelling place is finally among the people in a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21)!

Until then, remember the last thing God says in this chapter: “The Lord is in his holy temple” (Habakkuk 2:20 NIV). Think about

it: When a king sits on a throne, he holds absolute power and authority. If he's a good king, his people will rest in his security, even when chaos surrounds them. Our King is even more worthy of our trust because He's God—the Creator and Sustainer of the universe—the King who already secured our redemption, and the King who will return one day in victory!

Read this week's Scripture in addition to these supporting Scriptures:

*Romans 1:16–17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:36–39;
Revelation 21:1–8*

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Through this chapter, what did you learn about God's thoughts toward pride, greed, violence, exploitation, and idolatry?

2. How does Habakkuk 2:4 (the righteous will live by his faithfulness) show up in the New Testament? How does it connect to Jesus?

3. What does this passage teach you about God's timing, and why do you think God calls His people to wait before they'll see His promises fulfilled?

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4. How does the promise in Habakkuk 2:14 give hope in the midst of judgment and connect to Revelation 21:1–8?

DAY TWO: OBSERVATION

Meditate on this week's passage and ask yourself these questions.

1. What stuck out to me through this passage?

2. What is God showing me?

3. What truth can I take with me into today?

DAY THREE: APPLICATION

God's Word invites transformation. Today's about putting what you've learned into practice.

1. Where in my life am I being tempted to take control instead of waiting on God's timing, and what would it look like to trust Him more fully this week?

2. Based on what I just learned about God, what habits, attitudes, or changes do I need to make?

3. What can I take away from this passage and apply to my life?

APPLICATION CHALLENGE:

This week, intentionally encourage one person who's walking through a difficult season. Reach out to them with a call, text, handwritten note, or conversation, reminding them how God's faithful even when His timing is unclear. Pray that your words would help them trust God more deeply and see His goodness in the midst of their circumstances.

DAY FOUR: PRAYER

Scripture to Pray:

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."—Psalm 62:5–8 (NIV)

Guided Prayer:

Father God, as I open myself up to You in all my confusion and honesty, I thank You for meeting me right where I'm at. I praise You for Your divine justice and mercy that exist beyond my understanding. Thank You for sending Jesus to enter this suffering, to satisfy Your judgment, to extend Your mercy, and to comfort me. Your holiness makes You trustworthy. Move me from the depths of pain and confusion to the high place of Your refuge and hope. Amen.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the person you identified in the application challenge, who needs to be reminded of God's holiness and faithfulness.
- Pray for God to raise a generation of leaders who will follow Him boldly, trust in His justice, and display His loving mercy.

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DAY FIVE: PRACTICE

Looking back on this week's Scripture, remember: The righteous live by His faithfulness, trusting that God's working according to His perfect plan to bring justice, mercy, and glory on earth, even when we can't know His timing.

- What is one way I can enjoy God's presence through rest, relationship, or serving others?
- What blessings can I thank God for as I reflect on this week?

This weekend, set aside intentional time to go to church, do something you love with Jesus, and connect with others.

My Weekend Sabbath Plans:

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WEEK 4

HABAKKUK 3:1-16

CHURCH NOTES

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GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Use this guide to discuss the week's content with your family, friends, or group!



SCRIPTURE GUIDE:

WEEK 4

DAY ONE: SCRIPTURE

Read Habakkuk 3:1–16.

Have you noticed that the older we get, the harder it is to remember? It's becoming more frequent that I'll walk into my kitchen for a glass of water, and as soon as I approach my fridge, I completely forget why I was there in the first place. In the Old Testament, one of the most consistent themes we see is that God's people are a forgetful people. But it's not calendar appointments or work meetings they're forgetting—they're forgetting God. They forget all God has done throughout the generations, all the ways He's demonstrated His providential care and faithfulness. And what's the result of their forgetfulness? Generations who forget the Lord and His Word.

Habakkuk 3:1–16 reminds us that there's power in remembering. Habakkuk says, "I've heard of your fame, I stand in awe of your deeds" (Habakkuk 3:2 NIV). Well, what deeds? He then goes on to recount the ways God demonstrated His faithfulness and power by marching downward to Egypt to deliver His people, the story as seen in the earlier Old Testament books of Exodus through Joshua. "God would rise from the east (Teman) and head westward (Paran) to deliver his people. . . . Yahweh 'rises' like the sun in Teman and marches his way toward Egypt. His march is accompanied by praise and majesty in earth and sky."¹

And by recounting this story, Habakkuk's reminded that the God who provided and delivered back then, can do it again. The same God who overthrew evil and corrupted leaders could do the same again. There's real power in our memory of God's works. These memories stir our faith and give us hope! It's these memories that enable Habakkuk to pray and praise.

¹ Heath Thomas, *Habakkuk* (Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary)

When we take time to remember God's work in our own lives, we're reminded that we live every day in the palm of His hand. The same God that worked back then can do it again—and He can work in our time and in our day!

Read this week's Scripture in addition to these supporting Scriptures:

Psalm 77:11–14; Deuteronomy 8:2–18; Joshua 4:20–24

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. In Habakkuk 3:1–16, what specific works of God does Habakkuk remember?

2. What do these verses reveal about God's strength and glory?

3. Why do you think Habakkuk turns to remembering God's past deeds after wrestling with hard questions in chapters 1–2?

4. How does remembering God's faithfulness in the past help you endure uncertainty in the present?



DAY TWO: OBSERVATION

Meditate on this week's passage and ask yourself these questions.

1. What stuck out to me through this passage?

2. What is God showing me?

3. What truth can I take with me into today?

DAY THREE: APPLICATION

God's Word invites transformation. Today's about putting what you've learned into practice.

1. When I think about God's work in my life, what's the one memory that comes to mind? How might I keep that memory in my mind so I don't fall into the habit of forgetting?

2. Based on what I just learned about God, what habits, attitudes, or changes do I need to make?

3. What can I take away from this passage and apply to my life?

APPLICATION CHALLENGE:

Remembering isn't passive. You must choose to remember and create rhythms of remembrance so you can make it a habit. This week, take time to write out your favorite memory of God's work in your life. Take it a step further by sharing that story with your family, neighbors, coworkers, or your small group.

DAY FOUR: PRAYER

Scripture to Pray:

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."—Psalm 77:11-12 (NIV)

Guided Prayer:

"Stir up your power, O Lord, and come among us with great strength. Because our sins so easily hinder us, let your generous grace and mercy quickly help and deliver us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, belong honor and glory, now and forever. Amen."—Book of Common Prayer, Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent (Modernized)

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for people across the global church to remember God's faithfulness and choose to worship despite their circumstances.
- Pray for God to equip and send more people, including yourself, to bring hope in your neighborhood and around the world.

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DAY FIVE: PRACTICE

Looking back on this week's Scripture, remember that God's past faithfulness strengthens your present faith and gives you hope to trust Him again in the uncertainty of today.

- What is one way I can enjoy God's presence through rest, relationship, or serving others?
- What blessings can I thank God for as I reflect on this week?

This weekend, set aside intentional time to go to church, do something you love with Jesus, and connect with others.

My Weekend Sabbath Plans:

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WEEK 5

HABAKKUK 3:17-19

CHURCH NOTES

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GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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SCRIPTURE GUIDE:

WEEK 5

DAY ONE: SCRIPTURE

Read Habakkuk 3:17–19.

Habakkuk 3:17–19 is one of the most powerful endings in all of Scripture. Not because there was some massive, miraculous climax or because anyone was saved from a den of lions or walls came tumbling down. It's powerful and important for us even today because **nothing** about Habakkuk's circumstances had changed.

The violence hadn't disappeared, the injustice hadn't been cleaned up, and the people of Judah were still guilty. The just judgment was still very real, and it came like a freight train in the form of the Babylonians. The future of the people of Judah still looked terrifying. Habakkuk even said, "I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled" (Habakkuk 3:16 NIV).

Do you feel that? Habakkuk was afraid, but his fear didn't consume him. And that's what makes this passage so important and timeless for the people of God throughout the ages. Because in spite of the fear, the dread, and the very real looming threat of God's wrath, he said, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior" (Habakkuk 3:18 NIV).

You see, Habakkuk didn't rejoice because life was easy. He wasn't praising because the economy was strong, the pantry was full, the nation was stable, and the future was bright. In fact, he envisioned the worst-case scenario: no figs, no grapes, no olives, no crops, no sheep, no cattle.

And **yet**, he still said, "I will rejoice in the Lord."

That little word "yet" seems so insignificant, but it carries so much power. It indicates a faith that's standing strong in the

wreckage and refusing to let circumstances rule over it. It's trust that says, "Even if everything I can see falls apart, God's still my Savior, He's still on the throne, He's still my strength, and He's still enough."

Throughout this short book, Habakkuk has moved from questioning God to waiting on God to worshiping God. He still doesn't know every detail of what's coming, but he trusts in, hopes in, and rests in the One who does—and that changes everything!

Read this week's Scripture in addition to these supporting Scriptures:

Psalm 46:1–3; Psalm 73:25–26; Isaiah 41:10; Romans 8:28–39; Philippians 4:10–13

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What physical and emotional responses does Habakkuk describe in verse 16, and what do they reveal about the seriousness of his situation?

2. Why is Habakkuk's statement in verses 17–18 so powerful in light of the losses he describes?

3. What does it mean to "rejoice in the Lord" when circumstances are painful, uncertain, or disappointing?

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4. How does verse 19 describe the strength God gives His people, and why is it important the book ends this way?

DAY TWO: OBSERVATION

Meditate on this week's passage and ask yourself these questions.

1. What stuck out to me through this passage?

2. What is God showing me?

3. What truth can I take with me into today?

DAY THREE: APPLICATION

God's Word invites transformation. Today's about putting what you've learned into practice.

1. Where do I need to say, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord," even though the situation around me hasn't changed?

2. Based on what I just learned about God, what habits, attitudes, or changes do I need to make?

3. What can I take away from this passage and apply to my life?

APPLICATION CHALLENGE:

Habakkuk chose to rejoice before his circumstances improved. This week, choose one way to serve someone else before your own situation is resolved. Volunteer at church, help a neighbor, encourage a struggling friend, or meet a practical need. Let your service become an act of trust that says, "God's still good, and I can still be part of His work."

DAY FOUR: PRAYER

Scripture to Pray:

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."—Psalm 46:1–3 (NIV)

Guided Prayer:

Father, thank You for being steady when life feels unstable. Thank You for being faithful when circumstances feel frightening and uncertain. Teach me to trust You not only when the fig tree blossoms and the fields are full, but also when things feel empty, delayed, or disappointing. Give me courage when my heart grows weary. Give me faith when I don't understand what You're doing. Teach me to say, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord." In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray again for anything you've been asking God to move in, but end your prayer with, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord," and name some of His attributes that give you hope.
- Pray God's glory would be known in and through your life, from one generation to the next.

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Looking back on this week's Scripture, remember that faith doesn't deny the hardship in front of you. Instead, faith chooses to rejoice in the Lord because He's still your Savior, your strength, and your steady place to stand.

- What is one way I can enjoy God's presence through rest, relationship, or serving others?
- What blessings can I thank God for as I reflect on this week?

This weekend, set aside intentional time to go to church, do something you love with Jesus, and connect with others.

My Weekend Sabbath Plans:

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A VISION TO RUN WITH

When God answered Habakkuk the second time, He commanded him to write down the vision because it'd be a source of hope that someone could run with. This is a reminder that ***faith is generational***. The vision of hope and glory isn't momentary. **His vision is a continual anchor that allows the mission to move forward and gets passed down through generations.**

The vision God gave Habakkuk is still the vision that compels His church today: that the earth would be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the

Lord and that every generation would come to know Him. This isn't just a promise we're waiting for; it's a mission we're invited to join.

From One Generation to the Next is our commitment to run after that vision together. Every one of us has a part to play in helping more people encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, and carry His mission into the world. As we obey Christ's call to make disciples of all nations, we're believing God will use our faithfulness today to impact generations tomorrow.

TOGETHER, WE'RE
RUNNING WITH
THIS VISION IN
THREE KEY WAYS:

ADVOCATE FOR THE VULNERABLE

Being a voice for the voiceless and extending Christ's love to those in need.

RAISE THE NEXT GENERATION

Equipping children, youth, and young adults to follow Jesus boldly.

MOBILIZE MISSIONAL LEADERS

Empowering Christ followers to transform their world with the gospel.

This generosity journey creates more space for people to meet Jesus, grow as disciples, and impact the world.

PRIMARY GOAL

100% ENGAGEMENT

This isn't about a number—it's about God's calling. He's inviting His people to listen, respond, and step into the story He's writing through His church. Our prayer is that everyone who calls Calvary their spiritual home would say yes to how He is inviting them to pray and give—as we carry this vision from one generation to the next.

SECONDARY GOAL

\$85 MILLION

To help more people experience the love of Christ, we've committed to an \$85 million, two-year generosity journey. This includes regular annual giving (\$30 million each year) while also creating additional resources (\$25 million) for new ministry opportunities, discipleship, and spaces where lives can be transformed.



This fall marks one year into our two-year journey, and we're celebrating all God has already done through your giving. Stay connected to the vision and discover how you can be part of what God is doing.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

PRAY

Like Habakkuk, we pray because we know God hears and answers. Join us in asking God to provide the resources needed to display His glory and fulfill His calling of making disciples of all nations.

ENGAGE

Whether you've been part of the vision or this is the beginning of your journey, you can be a witness and a participant by serving. Whether it's a weekend volunteer team or an outreach team, there's a place for you to get involved. **Visit CalvaryFTL.org/Volunteer.**

GIVE

Generosity is a response of worship for the abundant generosity of Christ on the cross! When you give financially to His church, He uses that to impact countless people and communities both here and around the world.

Visit CalvaryFTL.org/Give.

As we continue running with the vision God has given us, you're invited to be part of what He's doing.

The vision is clear. **Let's run with it.**

**“AND THE LORD ANSWERED
ME: ‘WRITE THE VISION;
MAKE IT PLAIN ON TABLETS,
SO HE MAY RUN WHO
READS IT.’”**

—HABAKKUK 2:2 (ESV)

RUN WITH IT!

SCRIPTURE MEMORY CARDS

*"I will stand at my watch and
station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will
say to me, and what answer
I am to give to this complaint."*

—HABAKKUK 2:1 (NIV)

*"And the Lord answered me:
'Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.
For still the vision awaits its
appointed time; it hastens to
the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will
not delay.'"*

—HABAKKUK 2:2-3 (ESV)

*"But the righteous one
will live by his faith."*

—HABAKKUK 2:4B (CSB)

*"For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the
glory of the Lord as the
waters cover the sea."*

—HABAKKUK 2:14 (NIV)

*"Lord, I have heard of your fame;
I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.
Repeat them in our day,
in our time make them known;
in wrath remember mercy."*

—HABAKKUK 3:2 (NIV)

*"The Sovereign Lord
is my strength;
he makes my feet like
the feet of a deer, he
enables me to tread on
the heights."*

—HABAKKUK 3:19 (NIV)



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