

UNCOMFORTABLE FAITH

HABAKKUK

How do we respond when our plans fall apart?

Case Study: Habakkuk

- An unwelcome answer to prayer
 - Habakkuk asks God for help and justice (1.2-4)
 - God answers, but it is an _____ (1.5-11)
- Habakkuk at a _____
 - Does Habakkuk actually trust God, or does only trust God when God's plan _____?

3 Tools for Growing a Faith that Holds Firm in Uncertain Times

- Keep the lines of communication _____ (1.12-2.1)
 - Communication is one of the best ways to build trust
- Look back and _____ God's past faithfulness (3.2-15)
 - God, who asks for your trust, has already earned it
- Walk with _____ (3.19b)
 - Our faith grows when we see God's faithfulness to others

Take Home Idea: There is no _____ to a faith that hold firm in uncertain times

FURTHER STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Jay said that when life is comfortable, it can be hard to tell if we actually trust God or if we just trust him when his plan looks like ours.
 - a. What do you think that means?
 - b. Why do uncomfortable circumstances make it easier to see where we have actually placed our trust?
2. In Habakkuk 1.5-11, God gives Habakkuk an unwelcome answer to his prayer.
 - a. Share a time you have prayed for something, but have not been happy with the answer.
 - b. How did you respond when God's plan turned out to be different from your own?
3. In Habakkuk 1.12-2.1, Habakkuk responds by bringing his doubts and concerns back to God in prayer.
 - a. Why do you think this helps Habakkuk trust God's plan - even though God's plan doesn't change (see 2.2-20)?
 - b. What surprises or inspires you about the way Habakkuk communicates with God?
 - c. Share a time when a conversation helped you trust someone.
4. In 3.1-15, Habakkuk recounts some of God's past acts of great power and faithfulness.
 - a. Can you think of a time where looking back on what God has done helped you to trust him in the present?
 - b. Why does that help?
5. Habakkuk 3.18 is probably the most well known verse in the entire book.
 - a. How does it change the way you understand that verse to know that it follows v. 17?
 - b. How does it change the impact of that verse to know that context of the rest of the book (i.e. that he says it - and invites Judah to join him! When he knows they will be invaded by enemies?)
6. Pastor Jay offered 3 tools for growing a deeper faith.
 - a. Which one do you need to use more often?