



**When God DOESN'T Make Sense**  
*From Protest to Praise* (Habakkuk 3)  
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**BIG IDEA:** that unless you remember how God has worked in the past, you can't really experience Him in the present or trust Him in the future.

**Habakkuk Gets Perspective** (3 :1-2)

- In those moments of being still before God, Habakkuk turns from protest to praise. He stops arguing and starts worshipping God, even before the real calamity God has warned Him about actually hits.
- Chapter 3 is a prayer to God that He turns into a song. He starts his song by reminding himself of God's goodness in the past: "I have heard all about you, Lord. I am filled with awe by your amazing works."

**Habakkuk Remembers** (3:3-15)

- Habakkuk is coming to a place of trusting God for the future by remembering a specific time in the past when God came through for His people: the people's deliverance from Egyptian slavery.
- We remember when we think back on how God has worked in our own lives. In our families' lives. In the lives of those we love and are close to.
- We remember when we spend time in Scripture, reminding ourselves over and over again of God's goodness over the centuries.
- We remember when we journal and go back and read what God has done.

**Habakkuk Trusts** (3:16-19)

- Trusting God with our future doesn't necessarily mean enjoying the situation.
- It is easy to remember the bad times and live in fear. Remembering God's goodness, Habakkuk reminds us, carries us to a place of trust.
- Because Habakkuk remembered God's faithfulness, remembered seeing God's hand move, then he was joyful in God. Not joyful in the circumstances, but joyful in God, knowing that He will see them through.
- In Daniel 3:17-18, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego told the king to go ahead and throw them in the furnace, because they had seen God move and knew God could save them. Even if He didn't, they would praise Him anyway.
- In Job 13:15-16, it was Job's perspective too. It is what gave him the ability to say, "though he slay me, yet will I trust Him."
- The trials you are facing or will face down the road, God has called you to climb the mountains. You were made to handle them.

*We experience God in the present and trust Him in the future best when we remember what He has done in the past.*

*How has God worked in your life and the lives of those you love in the past?*

*What can you remember?*