

Looking back helps you look forward.

Habakkuk's journey

- Frustration: Lord, why? Lord, how long? – Ch. 1
- Remember, God plays the long game.
- God's response and solutions aren't always easy to understand – 1:5 *Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.*
- Expectancy over cynicism – 2:1 *I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me,*
- The key – 2:4b *but the righteous shall live by his faith.*
- The promise – 2:14 *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*
- The reminder – 2:18a *What profit is an idol?*
- The prayer – Ch. 3

How to pray when you don't know what to say

- God, remind me that your plan for my life involves more than just my life – 3:1-2a *A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. ² O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.*
- God, do again what you've done in the past – 3:2b *In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.*

“When you face your own sadness, interrogate it.” – Douglas Groothuis

- God, when I’m shaken, remind me to praise You – 3:3-15 *God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. ⁴ His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power. ⁵ Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels. ⁶ He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways. ⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. ⁸ Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation? ⁹ You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. Selah You split the earth with rivers. ¹⁰ The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. ¹¹ The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. ¹² You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. ¹³ You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. Selah ¹⁴ You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. ¹⁵ You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters.*
 - Because God is sovereign over nations and nature, you can be courageous even while shaken.