

**Sermon:** The Joy of the Lord is My Strength  
**Series:** *Habakkuk: From Why to Worship*

**Scripture:** Habakkuk 3:1-19.  
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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1) What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) What stands out to you from 3:1-16 about God and his salvation? What questions does it bring up for you?

b) Habakkuk asks God to “in wrath remember mercy” (v.2). Why must God be both wrathful and merciful?

**2) What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Where have you seen God’s faithfulness and his character this past year?

b) What is God doing in your life that you need to accept (“I will wait quietly”)?

c) Do you have a favorite worship song that helps you remember God’s character and his ways?

**3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) Read Hab. 3:13 again. How does this verse point to the cross? Think through the meeting of “salvation,” and “crushing” the wicked.

b) Habakkuk chose to remember God’s salvation in the Exodus. We have an even greater “exodus” in Christ and the gospel. How can you make a habit of looking back to the cross of Christ more often? How might looking to our salvation in Christ bring joy to a specific area of sorrow/confusion?

**APPLICATION**

a) Read Habakkuk 3:17-19 again. Joy is a choice. Do you agree with this? What makes it difficult to choose joy? Where do you need to choose to have joy?

**FIGHTER VERSES: Habakkuk 3:17-19.**

**PRAYER**

Praise God for his salvation, his character, his ways.

Repent of any ways that you are refusing to pursue joy in the Lord.

Ask God to allow you to accept what he is doing in your life and trust him through it all.