

Why Does God Seem Unfair? | Week 3 - The Faithful Way

Big Idea

When life is unfair, rejoice and recommit; God will be your strength.

Scripture

Habakkuk 3:1-6, Habakkuk 3:11-19, Hebrews 12:1-3, and Hebrews 13:5b

Overview

In this last week of our current 3-week series, we hope to continue to discover how this Old Testament prophet, Habakkuk, navigates challenging seasons in his life and to do the same in our own lives during those times when it seems God is unfair.

Opening Question

What's your favorite way to get in some exercise? Have you ever participated in a race? If so, what was your favorite one?

Bible Discussion

1. Habakkuk chooses to respond with a song in Habakkuk 3. Read verses 1-6. How might acknowledging God's past deeds impact Habakkuk's perspective on his people's current challenges?
2. Read Habakkuk 3:11-19. How does the theme of trust in God's sovereignty and deliverance resonate throughout these verses?
3. Hebrews 12:1-3 is an often-quoted passage. Read it slowly and thoughtfully, and discuss what is most inspiring to you. What is most challenging?
4. Hebrews 13:5b states, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." This promise from God echoes throughout the Bible. Can you think of other passages that convey a similar assurance and how they complement Hebrews 13:5b?

Life Application

5. Reflect on times in your life when you felt God's presence. How did that experience shape your faith or perspective on challenges?
6. "Hitting the wall" is a term sometimes used when describing a crisis of belief. Author Janet Hagberg says, "We cannot escape most of the crises in our lives, nor should we. In fact, these events frequently provide the energy for movement on our spiritual journey." Have you ever experienced this in your own spiritual journey? How did you come out of that season, and did it lead to a positive change in your perspective?
7. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith today, whether you are experiencing a season of growth, walking through challenges, or even if you've hit the wall, God is with you and will never leave you. End group in prayer for one another's journey, acknowledging God's presence and love through all of life's ups and downs.