

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

Points to Keep In Mind

1. In Habakkuk 3:1-6, Habakkuk is saying, “God, I know your reputation. I know about your deeds. I’m going to remember them and ask you to repeat them!” Isn’t that an interesting way to approach God? “Lord, let me remember your deeds so that you will repeat them!” Habakkuk is reminding God who God is. And that’s an interesting thought: in our prayers, we can call on God to remember who he is. As the verse continues, something very interesting happens that is easy to miss in Habakkuk 3:3a. Habakkuk starts talking about “Teman” and “Mount Paran.” Here, Habakkuk is looking past Jerusalem to the area in the wilderness associated with Mount Sinai. He remembers the time when God raised Moses and used him to lead Israel out of their slavery in Egypt, bringing them to Mount Sinai. It’s almost like Habakkuk is saying, “Do you remember God? Do you remember those days? Those days when you led us out of oppression and our disbelief? Can you do those kinds of deeds again?” This remembrance of God’s faithfulness gave hope to Habakkuk and his people in the midst of their circumstances.
2. In Habakkuk 3:11-19, Habakkuk begins accepting his difficult circumstances (Habakkuk 3:16) and then rejoices in God (Habakkuk 3:17-18). Both of these reactions reflect Habakkuk’s high level of trust in God’s sovereignty and deliverance.
3. Considering what Jesus went through on the cross and how he never gave up is both inspiring and challenging. We do not struggle alone, and we are not the first to struggle with the problems we face. Always keep Jesus in sight. He and the Holy Spirit will help us continue our race. Just as Jesus did not give up, neither should we.
4. Some other passages that include God never leaving us include Genesis 28:15, Deuteronomy 31:8, Joshua 1:5, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:20, and John 14:18.

Additional Questions and Resources

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1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
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