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MESSAGE NOTES

Confusing Times

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1. How Long and Why?

Habakuk felt confused and had two big questions:

- "How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?" (Habakkuk 1:2)
- "Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?" (Habakkuk 1:3)

Context: Judah was overwhelmed by violence, injustice, and oppression, leaving Habakkuk confused and questioning God's justice and timing. The unrighteous were full of pride and arrogance. (Ref.Habakkuk 2:4) (Note: The "Judah" refers to the land Judah, not the person named Judah.)

2. Faith, Trust and Worship

Faith doesn't require full understanding—it requires trust in God's character. Even in the face of economic collapse, Habakkuk rejoiced in God.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."

3. God Gives Strength

In difficult times, when we put our hope in God, He can give us strength that we never knew we could have.

Habakkuk 3:19 "The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights."

Application:

- Worship is an act of faith, not a response to when things are going well.
- Joy and peace are found in trusting God, even in hardship.
- God can give us strength in challenging times.