Habakkuk 3:1-19 English Standard Version (ESV)

1 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.
3 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.
16 I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me.
Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.
17 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,
18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
19 God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

Discussion/Journal Questions

Read Habakkuk 3:1-19. In your own words, summarize Habbakuk’s prayer?
In the sermon on Sunday, John said, “In a sense God uses consequences as a source of heat in our lives, to remind us that we need him.” How have your experienced “heat” in your life? How has God used those circumstances to forge your faith?

Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. John said that “revival must start with the person you see in the mirror.” How has God used the current circumstances to spark a revival or renewal in you personally?

In Habakkuk 3, Habakkuk sees a vision of God flexing His muscles. How does your vision of God affect your level of fear? Do you see God as big enough for the challenges you face?

Read Habakkuk 3:17-19. Some refer to this as a “double-fisted faith.” In one hand, I ask God for deliverance. In the other hand, I trust Him to uphold me even during the rough times. Honestly check your heart. Do you have the kind of faith that we see in these verses? If not, what is holding you back?

In the sermon, John said, “If all you have is a God of the good times, you don’t have the God of the Bible.” Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

Write down a list of challenges, obstacles, or fears you have. Next, write down a list of how God has overcome those fears in the past or how God is capable of overcoming those fears in the present and the future. Include scripture references if you are able. If you are having trouble, talk with a Christian brother or sister for help.