Waiting On God
A Study of the Book of Habakkuk

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Key Truth: Though at times the powers of wickedness appear too strong, we wait on the Lord who is infinitely stronger.

In the first two chapters of Habakkuk, the prophet engages in a dialog with God asking him how he could sit seemingly idle while wickedness appears to prevail. God responds by pointing out that he is raising up a wicked people to judge the sins of Judah but that those wicked people would also be judged. In response, the prophet should wait on God and live by faith. In chapter 3, Habakkuk speaks once again, not with another complaint or argument, but with a prayer, a Psalm, promising that he indeed will wait on God, and that he will rejoice in the God who gives him strength.

DISCUSS

Read **Habakkuk 3:1-19** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon about **"Waiting on God."**

DIG IN

1. **The Prophet prays for mercy.**   (Habakkuk 3:1-2)

Habakkuk chapter 3 is a Psalm that acts as a prayer to God. In what ways do Psalms help us communicate with God in prayer?

In what specific areas do we need God's mercy (v. 2) today?

2. **The Prophet remembers God's past appearances and actions.**
(Habakkuk 3:3-15)

According to verses 3-7, what references are made to God's appearance and actions in the exodus (Israel leaving Egypt)?

In light of what Habakkuk and the Israelites were experiencing, why was it important to sing about God's deliverance in the exodus?

According to verses 8-15, what references are made to the time God brought the children of Israel into the Promised Land?

Why is it important to remember and retell the story of our own deliverance?

3. **The prophet resolves to wait and rejoice.**   (Habakkuk 3:16-19)

Is Habakkuk's waiting passive or active? Why?

In what ways can we wait actively for God's arrival (explain or add to the list of seven items given at the close of the sermon)?

DO

In what ways will you personally put what you have learned through this sermon into practice this week?

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