BENDING WITHOUT BREAKING: A FAITH THAT SNAPS BACK

HABAKKUK 3:16-19

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CHRISTIAN DECONSTRUCTION

A process where individuals critically re-evaluate their understanding of Christianity, often leading to a restructuring or abandonment of their previously held beliefs.

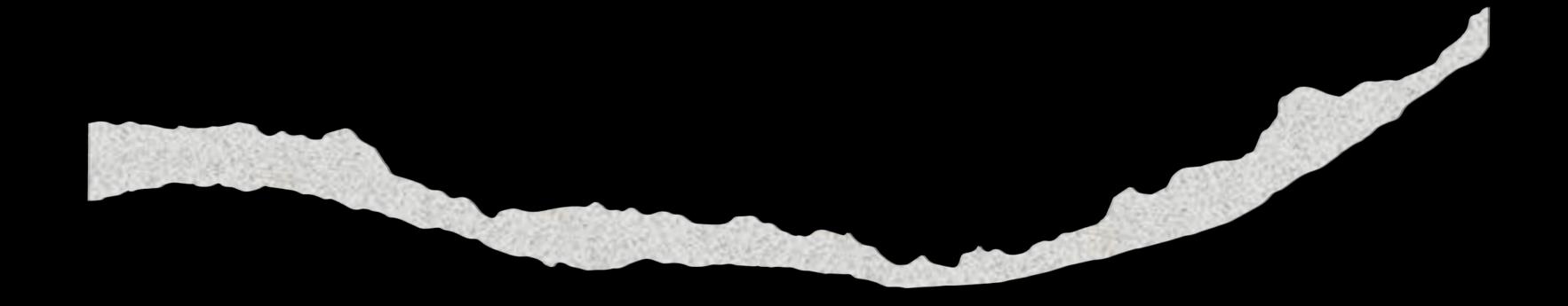
I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us. Though the fig should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the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

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments

Habakkuk 3:16-19 (ESV)

BIG IDEA:

MY FAITH WILL BE <u>RESILIENT</u> WHEN I <u>RESPOND</u> TO GOD'S <u>CHARACTER</u>



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RESPONSE 1

WAIT BECAUSE OF
GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY (v16)

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted...Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know...I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes

Job 38:4, 42:2-3, 5-6 (ESV)

And we know that for those who love God <u>all things work</u> together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

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RESPONSE 2

WORSHIP BECAUSE OF GOD'S <u>SALVATION</u> (V17-18) Though the fig 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, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

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Habakkuk 3:17-18 (ESV)

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21:4-5a (ESV)

REJOICE

To shout in exultation

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RESPONSE 3

WITHSTAND BECAUSE OF GOD'S STRENGTH (V19)

MYFEET LIKE THE DEER'S

God's strength to preserve

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 10:28-29 (ESV)

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

TREAD ON MY HIGH PLACES

God's strength to bring victory

...If God is for us, who can be against us?...Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that, who was raised - who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us

Romans 8:31b, 34, 37 (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live...I live by faith in the Son of God...

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

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APPLY TO LIFE

- 1. What do I need to take directly to the God who is in control?
- 2. How can I fix my eyes on Jesus when I deal with sin and suffering this week?
- 3. Who is struggling in their faith that I can encourage?