## **CELEBRATION NOTES**

October 20, 2019

Habakkuk's Fig-Tree Prayer (Habakkuk 3:17-18): "Though the fig tree may not blossom nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls— Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, And He has made my feet like deer's (hind's) feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills."

How to pray "Fig Tree Prayers":

## 1) We must <u>Acknowledge</u> God's Presence in our lives in spite of our <u>Circumstances</u>.

It's OK to ask God questions, we just need to be willing to accept His answer.

"The Lord replied: 'Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it. I am raising up the Chaldeans, a cruel and violent people. They will march across the world and conquer other lands. They are notorious for their cruelty and do whatever they like.""—Habakkuk 1:5-7

- 2) We must <u>Trust</u> God until we can see things from His perspective. "I will stand like a guard to watch and place myself at the tower. I will wait to see what He will say to me; I will wait to learn how God will answer my complaint." —Habakkuk 2:1 (NCV)
- "The Lord answered me: 'Write down the vision; write it clearly on clay tablets so whoever reads it can run to tell others. It is not yet time for the message to come true, but that time is coming soon; the message will come true. It may seem like a long time, but be patient and wait for it, because it will surely come; it will not be delayed. The evil nation is very proud of itself; it is not living as it should. But those who are right with God will live by faith.""

—Habakkuk 2:2-4 (CEV)

*"…The just shall live by his faith."* —Habakkuk 2:4b (NKJV)

## 3) When we can't escape our circumstances, we must trust God's <u>Ultimate Plan</u>.

"And when Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw the flute players and noisy crowd wailing, He said to them 'Make room for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.' And they laughed Him to scorn. But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose." Matt. 9:23-25

Your "Fig Tree Prayer":



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