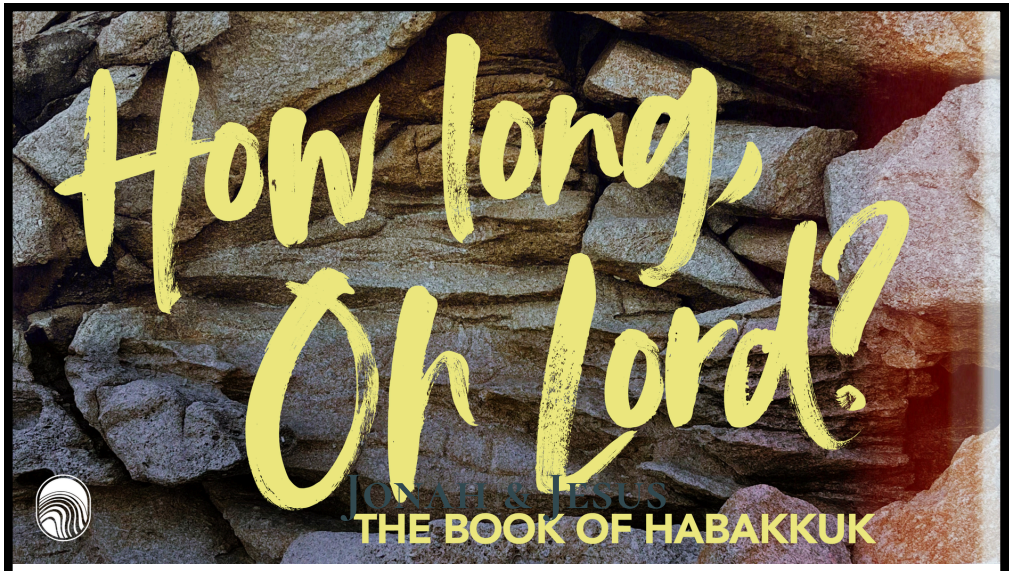


Question:

How do we maintain hope when we witness or experience oppression and injustice?

Key Ideas:

1. **Remember God is a Divine Warrior:** He judges oppressive nations and fights for oppressed people.
2. **Practice Prophetic Reimagination:** Allow God's past faithfulness to give you hope in present hardship
3. **View your life through the lens of the cross:** When you wonder if God cares or if he acts—look to the cross.

Notes:

Habakkuk 3:1–15

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth.

2 Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.
Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath
remember mercy.

3 God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory
covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. 4 His splendor
was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was
hidden. 5 Plague went before him; pestilence followed his steps. 6 He
stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations
tremble.
The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed—
but he marches on forever. 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in distress, the
dwellings of Midian in anguish.

8 Were you angry with the rivers, Lord? Was your wrath against the
streams? Did you rage against the sea when you rode your horses
and your chariots to victory? 9 You uncovered your bow, you called
for many arrows. You split the earth with rivers; 10 the mountains saw
you and writhed. Torrents of water swept by; the deep roared and
lifted its waves on high.

11 Sun and moon stood still in the heavens at the glint of your flying
arrows, at the lightning of your flashing spear. 12 In wrath you strode
through the earth and in anger you threshed the nations. 13 You came
out to deliver your people, to save your anointed one. You crushed
the leader of the land of wickedness, you stripped him from head to
foot. 14 With his own spear you pierced his head when his warriors
stormed out to scatter us, gloating as though about to devour the
wretched who were in hiding. 15 You trampled the sea with your
horses, churning the great waters.