



# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

**Aloha!** We are glad you are here. Please visit the welcome table for more information.

**Nursery and Kids' Church:**  
Sunday mornings - sign-in each child at the back table.

**Salvation Army Food Drive**  
next Sunday, August 8.

You are invited to our **Back to School Bash** on August 15 after the service. It's going to be a fun one - food, bouncy house, and shave ice!

**Men's Breakfast** Saturday, August 14 at 8 am.

**Celebration of Life** for Irene Dong is Saturday, August 14.

The **Bolton Family** would like to thank all the folks who gave their love, support, and prayers to make Fred's send off so memorable.

### Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church



## SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Habakkuk  
Back and Forth with the Lord

**Big Idea:** The righteous will live by faith.

- Habakkuk's initial solution:
- Habakkuk's final solution:
- Anticipating God's advent and coming salvation

***So Habakkuk, do we dare to hope?***

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## DIVING DEEPER

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- 1:1 — superscription
- 1:2-4 — Habakkuk gives a lament
- 1:5-11 — The LORD give a response
- 1:12-2:1 — Habakkuk gives a lament
- 2:2-19 — The LORD give a response
- 3:1 — superscription
- 3:2-19 — Habakkuk gives a final prayer

### **Comparing Jonah and Habakkuk:**

- What can we learn from these two prophets about struggling with God concerning the application of theology (knowing who God is and how He works) to our lives?
- Compare and contrast their struggle with God:
  - What is the primary focus in the struggle?
  - What is the prophet's initial response?
  - What is the status in the end?
  - What is their approach or strategy?
  - What is their attitude?

### **Some discussion and application questions from Hebrews 11:32-12:3**

- What is faith? (See Hebrews 11:1-3)

#### Hebrews 11:32-40

- What does this passage tell us about faith?
- What does this passage tell you about the obvious triumphs in faith along with the not so obvious triumphs?
- Why is it wrong to judge whether we have faith based on our circumstances?
- What are the promises of God you may need to review to give you more confidence and certainty to pursue God?
- While none of us seek suffering, how does the text encourage you to endure when you experience not so obvious triumphs?
- Have you ever encountered someone who demonstrated faith, even though they weren't delivered from their difficult circumstances? What did that person look like?
- How can we increasingly become those people?
- What has helped increase your convictions that the BEST IS YET TO COME?

#### Hebrews 12:1-3

- What do you think it means to lay aside the weight of sin that clings to us? What image does that language create in your mind?
- What kinds of sin tend to captivate our culture today?
- What sins keep us from running the race?
- What can we do to remove those weights that slow us down in living out our faith?
- How do we find encouragement in the great cloud of witnesses and what are ways we look to encourage us in this race? How do we let those other runners know the weights in our life in order to help us run faster? Is that uncomfortable? How can we lean in to that discomfort?