

Discussion Questions



Key Sermon Points

Main Idea: Even when God's ways are terrifying and life is stripped bare, we can choose relentless trust—not because circumstances improve, but because God's character never changes.

Three Movements Toward Relentless Trust:

1. **Posture of Trust** - Trembling yet approaching
2. **History of Trust** - Remembering what God has done
3. **Practicing Trust** - Rejoicing despite hardships

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Text

1. Read Habakkuk 3:1-2 together. What does it mean that Habakkuk's prayer was meant to be sung? How does this change your perspective on worship during difficult times?
2. In verse 2, Habakkuk prays "repeat them in our days...in wrath, remember mercy." What is he asking God to do? How is this different from asking God to remove the hardship?
3. Read Habakkuk 3:17-18. List all the catastrophes Habakkuk describes. Why do you think he lists them so specifically before saying "yet I will rejoice"?

Personal Reflection

4. The sermon stated: "Trust is a choice." Do you agree or disagree? When have you had to choose to trust God even when it didn't make sense?

5. Which of these three approaches resonates most with you right now:

- **Pray, not panic**
- **Ask for renewal, not rescue**
- **Stand in awe, not apathy**

Why?

6. Pastor Ike mentioned that we sometimes "shrink God too small." In what areas of your life might you be limiting God? How does that affect your ability to trust Him?

Applying the Message

7. **Remembering God's Faithfulness:** Share one specific way God has proven trustworthy in your life. How does remembering this help you trust Him with current or future challenges?
8. The sermon introduced "theophany"—visible manifestations of God's power. When has God shown up powerfully in your life or in someone you know?
9. **The Discipline of Remembrance:** What practical method could you use this week to recall God's faithfulness? (journaling, sharing testimonies, reviewing answered prayers, etc.)
10. Read Habakkuk 3:16 again. Habakkuk experienced physical symptoms of fear—pounding heart, quivering lips, trembling legs. How does it encourage you that he still chose trust despite these very real feelings?

Going Deeper

11. The sermon distinguished between "waiting on God" and "waiting for circumstances to change." What's the difference? Which one do you tend to do?
12. Habakkuk 3:19 says God "makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights." What do you think this imagery means for trusting God in difficult terrain?
13. Victor Frankl said we can choose our attitude in any circumstance. The sermon stated: "You can never blame your circumstances for not trusting God." Is this too harsh? How do you reconcile this with genuine struggles and pain?

Key Takeaways

- **Trust is a choice**, not just a feeling—God has already proven Himself trustworthy
- **Waiting is an act of trust**, not passivity—it's active surrender
- **Awe is the doorway to trust**—we need a big view of God
- **Remembering what God has done fuels our trust** for what's ahead
- **Joy can be chosen as worship**, even when circumstances haven't changed

This Week's Challenge

Choose one of these practices to implement this week:

Option 1: Daily Remembrance

- Each evening, write down or share with someone one way God showed up that day
- Consider trying the Ignatian Examen prayer practice

Option 2: Build Your Testimony

- Write out your spiritual story, focusing on times God proved faithful
- Share it with at least one person this week

Option 3: Practice "Yet I Will Rejoice"

- When facing difficulty this week, literally say out loud: "Yet I will rejoice"
- Follow it with one specific attribute of God's character you're choosing to trust

Option 4: Pray Through Habakkuk 3

- Use Habakkuk's prayer as a template for your own prayers this week
- Remember what God has done, stand in awe, and choose to trust