

IN OUR OWN TIME REVIVE IT

Habakkuk 1:1-6, 12-13; 2:1-4; 3:2 (Reading all three chapters is recommended.)

Key Verse 3:2

1. Please examine the historical background of the book of Habakkuk (1:3b-4)¹. What was the first question of Habakkuk to God (1:2-3a)? What made him complain to God? What are your unresolved 'why' questions in your life?
2. How did God change the perspective of Habakkuk (1:5)? What was the answer of God to Habakkuk's question (1:6)? Think about the sovereign God who is at work already.
3. How did Habakkuk express his confidence in God (1:12)? What was his second question of complaint to God (1:13)? What attitude did Habakkuk take to wait for the answer of God (2:1; Psalm 73:16-17)? How much have you waited on God?
4. What was God's answer to Habakkuk's second question (2:2-3)? What does the phrase 'the righteous person will live by his faithfulness' mean (2:4)? Do you believe in the faithfulness of God in your life?
5. How did Habakkuk's complaints change after receiving God's answers (3:2a)? What did he expect from God by faith (3:2b)?² What do you think is the true meaning of 'revival'? How can a revival come to our faith community?

¹ The oracle of Habakkuk anticipates the rise of the Babylonians that began around 625 BC. The Babylonians captured Jerusalem and took Jehoiachin, a king of Judah, as a hostage in 597 BC (2Ki 24:10-14). (NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible)

² The NRSV version translates 3:2, "O Lord, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work. In our own time revive it; in our own time make it known; in wrath may you remember mercy."