"Keep Believing - Habakkuk"

Sunday, August 24, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
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Habakkuk 1, 2, & 3

BIG IDEA: Authentic faith perseveres in all circumstances.

"...the righteous one will live by his faith."

Habakkuk 2:4b (CSB)

- Habakkuk's Faith <u>Tested</u>. (He <u>Questions</u> God)
 - o <u>"Why</u>?" (1:1-4)
 - o "How?" (1:12-17)
- Habakkuk's Faith <u>Taught</u>. (He <u>Seeks</u> God)
 - o In the Watch Tower. (2:1)
 - o In the <u>Temple</u>. (2:20; 3:1-2)
- Habakkuk's Faith <u>Triumphs</u>. (He <u>Trusts</u> God)
 - O Trusting God puts everything in perspective. (3:17-18)
 - Trusting God provides <u>strength</u> to face <u>circumstances</u>.
 (3:19)

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READ: Read Habakkuk 1, 2, & 3 (it only takes about 12-15 minutes)

THINK: Think about Habakkuk's dialogue with God, then ask yourself these questions: What is your first or most vivid memory of crying out, "That's not fair!"? What should have been more fair? What injustice(s) have you experienced since then? How do you react now? Through this overview of the OT Book of Habakkuk, upon closer study what are critical details to pay attention to? Elaborate on the contrast between "the voice of despair" (1:2) and "the voice of trust/faith" (3:19). Did Habakkuk write during a time of national peace or turmoil? What makes you think so? Read 2 Kings 23:31-24:7 for the probable/possible background to this book. What was the social, political, and theological climate at that time? Of the passages referenced in today's message, which verse is your favorite? **DO**: Do you agree with the assertion that "A faith that cannot be tested, cannot be trusted."? Why or why not? Write 3:17 in your own words to convey your struggles with injustice. Identify the "Babylon" or other unorthodox method God may be using to accomplish His sovereign purpose. How might the lessons you've learned from Habakkuk help you in your struggle with personal, national, and international injustice? How do doubts affect your faith? What helps your faith triumph in all circumstances?