

**Can FAITH and FEAR Coincide?**  
**Habakkuk 1-3**



**Background:** Life is full of tension. We've all experienced our share from the pandemic alone, but real life continued in the midst of it, so we faced other tensions as well. Sometimes the tension can be so great it feels like we're "hitting a brick wall." This Sunday we're going to look at Habakkuk's faith journey. We'll see how this Old Testament prophet dealt with incredible tension and how God met him in it. Bring your Bibles on Sunday and let's see what Habakkuk has to teach us.

**Sermon Text: Habakkuk 1-3 (NIV)**

Habakkuk's 1st Question / Complaint 1:2-4  
God's Response 1:5-11

Habakkuk's 2nd Question / Complaint 1:12-2:1  
God's Response 2:2-20

Habakkuk's Psalm 3:1-19

**Discussion Questions**

**1. Preparation**

- a. As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
- b. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- c. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

## 2. Sermon questions

- a. “Preserving faith in God despite challenging circumstances” was Sharon’s theme for the book of Habakkuk. How do you typically preserve your faith in the midst of challenging circumstances? How did you preserve your faith in the midst of the pandemic of the past year?
- b. Name a time in your life when you most lived in the tension of fear and faith. What was the fear? What was it that got you through that time.
- c. How do you fill in these blanks today?

3:17 Though the fig tree does not bud  
and there are no grapes on the vines,  
though the olive crop fails  
and the fields produce no food,  
though there are no sheep in the pen  
and no cattle in the stalls,

18 **yet I will rejoice in the LORD,  
I will be joyful in God my Savior.**

Is it true for you (that you are rejoicing in the Lord in the midst of all the trials)?  
Why or why not?

- d. Does it comfort you that Jesus went through the same tension of fear and faith as you do? Why or why not?