

# Message Notes

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**Bible Focus:** Habakkuk 3:16-19

**Message Title:** Even If...

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Moving from "What if . . .?" to "Even if . . .":

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• \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 17-18)

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## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Habakkuk 3:16-19

1. The book of Habakkuk is, in many ways, a book of questions for God during a season of uncertainty. Why is it important and good to ask honest questions of God during these seasons? How can deep questioning before God lead to deep worship of God?
2. One of the things that helped Habakkuk move from anxiety to worship was to wait patiently for God to act (3:16). Biblically speaking, what does it mean to wait on God? How does waiting on God factor into your personal prayer life? Have you ever persistently prayed about something and not made the connection to what God wanted to say to you because you didn't stop to wait?
3. Read Hab. 3:17. How can you relate to the specific scenarios that Habakkuk describes in this verse?
4. In reflecting upon 3:17, what reason(s) might there be for God to allow us to go through bleak seasons when there do not appear to be any visible signs of hope?
5. How might remembering and thanking God for the gift of your salvation (3:18) be helpful when you are feeling anxious? How does knowing that God is sovereign (3:19) and in complete control of your circumstances give you hope?
6. Pastor David Platt says, "Short-term circumstances provide a poor measurement of the long-term character of God." Do you agree or disagree? How can this statement be helpful in walking with others who are struggling to trust God?
7. Has there been a time in your own life when God gave you joy and peace in the midst of discouragement or seemingly hopeless circumstances? What did you learn about God through these experiences? What did you learn about faith?
8. Over the course of three chapters, Habakkuk was led by God from a place of hopelessness (1:2) to a place of worship and renewed trust (3:18-19). In what areas of your life right now would you like to see God take you from hopelessness to trust?