

Small Group Discussion Guide

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READ

Read Habakkuk 3:17-19, pray, pause for a few moments, then discuss.

OPEN

Share a lighthearted story of a time when something small but important fell apart unexpectedly. What helped you stay calm or find your sense of humor in the moment?

Discuss

1. What does “collapse” look like today? Habakkuk describes agricultural and economic ruin that touches every part of life—fig trees, vines, olives, fields, flocks, herds. If you translated this into a modern equivalent, what forms of “collapse” do people face today?
2. Verse 18 says, “Yet I will rejoice in the Lord.” Habakkuk chooses joy before the crops return, circumstances change, and recovery begins. What does joy look like before anything improves? How do you understand the difference between joy and optimism?
3. Verse 19 says, “The Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer...He makes me tread upon the heights.” What does it mean for God to become your strength—not just to *give* strength but to *be* strength?

PRAY

There's power when we pray out loud together. Speaking our prayers engages our hearts, and praying as a group reminds us we're not alone. As we say this prayer in one voice, may gratitude and faith rise in us.

Let's say this prayer out loud together:

Father,
we bring You the places in our lives
that feel thin, fragile, or undone.
Breathe Your joy into the cracks.
Let light rise where hope feels low.

Be our strength when our strength is gone.
Steady our feet on uncertain ground.
Hold us when everything else feels unsteady.

Even in the quiet ruins,
teach our hearts to rejoice in You—
a joy deeper than trouble,
a joy no collapse can steal.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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