



This three week study using the book of Habakkuk explores the kind of faith that is hard to come by, and the kind of faith that will sustain you when hard times come by.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Rick began by reminding us that “Hard faith must live with the biblical tension between divine sovereignty and personal responsibility.” How have you dealt with that tension in light of the hard times you’ve experienced? What did you learn about God and yourself?

2 WE NEED A FAITH... that will sustain us when we are between The Rock and a hard place. Share an example of someone who has had a significant spiritual impact on your life because they exercised this kind of faith. Follow up: How has your faith sustained you this past year?

3 “Even though!” faith lives between how things are and how we are going to respond. Read Habakkuk 3:1-3, 17-19. What resonates with you the most from these verses? What encouragement did you find from Kent Brantly’s story and the example he referenced from the book of Daniel (see Daniel 3:16-18)? Follow up: What have been some pivotal “Even though” moments in your life? How did those moments impact your relationship with God?

4 “Even though!” faith... It is sustained by worship. People with hard faith are very intentional about their playlists, for they realize the impact of praise upon the soul. What songs from your playlist have encouraged you the most during hard times? Follow up: Read Psalm 42:5. How has worshipping during hard times given you a glimpse of a God who is bigger than your questions? How does worship restore you?

5 “Even though!” faith... It remembers the story of God. Hard faith draws on its long-term memories of God. Read Habakkuk 3:2. What are some stories from the Bible and/or your personal experience that you turn back to often to remember what God has done in the past? How have remembering those stories helped you?

6 “Even though!” faith... It chooses “no matter what” joy. Habakkuk did not have to understand completely to rejoice consistently. Read Habakkuk 3:18. What encourages you the most from Habakkuk’s example and what is most challenging to you about having this kind of faith? Follow up: Read Philippians 4:4 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. How do these words from Paul both encourage and challenge you?

7 Rick closed by giving us two assignments: (1) Thank someone who has modeled hard faith for you. (2) Like Habakkuk did, bring your praise to God. With that in mind, who is that person you are going to say thanks to this week and what is something you can praise God for today “even if...” you don’t know how things are going to turn out? Close by sharing one way this series has encouraged you during the hard times of life.

