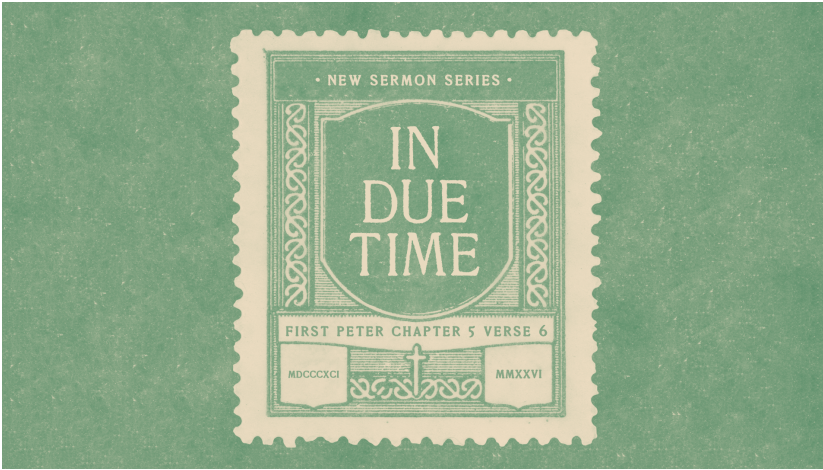


LOOP Study Guide In Due Time: Week 9

Key Scripture:

Habakkuk 3

Theme: When It Hasn't
Happened Yet



Main Point:

Real faith is revealed not when things happen—but when they haven't happened yet.

1. CONNECTION (Start the Conversation)

Icebreaker Question

- Have you ever waited a long time for something you really wanted? What was the hardest part of the waiting?
- What's more difficult for you: starting something new or waiting for something to happen?

Transition

Waiting isn't just about time—it's about trust.

The question isn't just: "Will God do it?"

The real question is:

"What will I do while He hasn't yet?"

2. SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Read together:

Habakkuk 3:2, 16–19

Habakkuk 3:2 NLT "I have heard all about you, Lord. I am filled with awe by your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in years gone by. And in your anger, remember your mercy."

Habakkuk 3:16-19 "I trembled inside when I heard this; my lips quivered with fear. My legs gave way beneath me, and I shook in terror. I will wait quietly for the coming day when disaster will strike the people who invade us. Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights. (For the choir director: This prayer is to be accompanied by stringed instruments.)"

Context

- The prophet **Habakkuk** begins his journey questioning God—but ends it with confidence and worship.
- Nothing changes around him...but everything changes within him.

3. UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE

1. Faith Remembers What God Has Done

Habakkuk starts his prayer by remembering God's past faithfulness.

Key Idea:

When you don't see God moving, remember where He already has.

- When you don't see it → remember it
- When you don't feel it → recall it
- When you can't trace Him → trust Him

Truth:

If God did it before, He can do it again.

1. Why is it important to remember what God has done in the past?
2. Can you share a time when remembering God's faithfulness helped you keep going?

2. Faith Stands When Life Shakes

Habakkuk admits fear—but chooses to trust anyway.

“Yet I will wait...”

Key Idea:

Faith doesn't remove fear—it refuses to let fear lead.

- You can feel fear in your body
- And still have faith in your spirit

“Yet” is the language of mature faith.

3. What does it look like to have faith while still feeling afraid?
4. What is a “yet” statement you need to declare in your current situation?

3. Faith Rejoices Before the Result

Habakkuk praises God even when nothing has changed.

- No progress
- No provision
- No visible breakthrough

Yet... he rejoices.

Key Idea:

Faith praises God before the outcome.

If your joy is based on what you see, your faith will collapse when you don't.

5. Why is it difficult to rejoice before we see results?
6. How can we shift from "I'll praise when it happens" to "I'll praise before it happens"?

4. Faith Walks Different in Due Time

"The Sovereign Lord is my strength!"

God doesn't just change the situation—He changes how you move in it.

- Steady in uncertainty
- Confident in instability
- Strong in pressure

Truth:

God may not remove the mountain immediately...

But He will make you stable on it.

7. How does trusting God change the way you respond to difficult situations?
8. Where in your life do you need to trust God even though nothing has changed yet?

5. APPLICATION

Take a moment to reflect personally:

- Where am I waiting on God right now?
- What has God already done in my life that I can remember?
- Am I allowing fear or faith to lead me?

Practical Step This Week

Choose one:

- Write down 3–5 things God has already done in your life
- Speak a daily "yet" declaration (ex: "*I don't see it... yet I trust God*")
- Spend time praising God **before** your situation changes

Remember:

Don't just ask questions—start making declarations.

6. EVERY SOUL • EVERY STREET APPLICATION

People who are still waiting often:

- Withdraw
- Lose hope
- Stop engaging

But people who are built on faith:

- Stay present
- Stay hopeful
- Stay engaged

When your life is rooted in Christ:

- You can **PRAY** even when nothing changes
- You can **BE PRESENT** without fear
- You can **PROVIDE** without hesitation
- You can **PRAISE** before the breakthrough

This is how we live **Every Soul • Every Street**.

Because people who trust God in the waiting become anchors for others.

7. CLOSING PRAYER

“Lord, help us to trust You even when we don’t see anything changing. Teach us to remember Your faithfulness, to stand firm when life feels uncertain, and to rejoice before the breakthrough comes. Strengthen our faith so we can walk differently in every season. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

THINGS HAPPENING AT FRESH START CHURCH:

- **Easter Food Drive** - This outreach is part of our ongoing Every Soul Every Street initiative — a commitment to intentionally step beyond our church walls and meet people right where they are. Visit our website or the Church Center app to see items we’d like brought in that will be given out to families in our community.
- **Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt** - Friday, March 27th @ 6:30pm. This is for all kids preschool through elementary. Register on the Church Center app. Invite other families to attend with you.
- **Easter Weekend** - Good Friday service @ 7pm. Easter Sunday service times are 9am, 10:30am and 12pm. Begin inviting your friends and family to attend Fresh Start Church on Easter this year!
- **ImpACT Golf Classic Giveaway Baskets** - Our ImpACT golf tournament will benefit the Atlantic City Rescue Mission this year. Our LOOPs are asked to help provide giveaway baskets that will be raffled off this year to help raise more funds.

Here’s a message from the tournament’s organizer, Jim DiDomenico with more info...

LOOP contribution has continued to make an extraordinary effort by providing IMPACT Auction Basket Prizes. Below is a list of guidelines to help build your basket:

1. The basket prize value minimum of \$80
2. Arrange items in the basket nicely and neatly to show appreciation to auction participants for their support.
3. Don't hesitate to go outside your loop to help build your basket. Great way to extend God's love working through Fresh Start.
4. Creative ideas are wide open, but here are a few past gems: Sport Equipment Basket, Kids Toys Basket, Grilling Basket, Pet Basket, At The Shore Basket, Spa Basket (a gift card can be used to accent the basket)
5. Date to collect baskets is requested to bring Sunday morning at either of the services. Please put inside the big glass room in lobby. Truly Thankful For Coming Alongside Each Classic Mission Event