



May 5th

Passage: Habakkuk 3:16-19

Have ever received an answer you didn't want and then took it like a champ? I'm trying to think of a time, I've got a couple in my mind. It's you hoping to hear one thing and then what you actually is completely opposite, but then, you like respond rightly. I got it! This is you wanting to go to your friend's house to spend the night only to have your parents say "no, but you can stay here and clean your room, the bathroom, mow the grass, and then pay us to do it. After hearing this you go...."OK, you're mom and dad after all!"

Now, let's pause a minute. The above scene is running through my head and I can't stop laughing. But honestly, Hab is about to take all he's just heard like....a.....Champ.

READ & DIG. Read Habakkuk 3:16-19

What does it look like to hear news you don't want to hear like a champ?

I HEAR, AND MY BODY TREMBLES – Confirmation that all that God has planned is devastating. Not the news Hab wanted to hear right? We know this....but here is the confirmation....my body is trembling

(I want to go to Pete's house and you just tell me I gotta clean my sisters toilet??????). TREMBLE

MY LIPS QUIVER AT THE SOUND – Like, I can't even talk right now. Again, a good indication of how this is SO NOT the news Hab was wanting to hear....but again....honesty is here...Body trembling, lips quivering.

ROTTENESS ENTERS MY BONES: Wow – but still, at least he has his bones right? You ever felt weak, like you were going to die after hearing something you didn't want to hear. I can see his legs trembling now...oh wait....next point

MY LEGS TREMBLE BENEATH ME – Yep, been there Hab! But again....these reactions are nothing new...this is how EVERYONE has responded to news they didn't want to hear....it's coming though...the good part. READY?

YET I WILL QUIETLY WAIT – Yes Hab, wait on the Lord....on the day of the Lord....wait, what's that....oh **FOR THE DAY OF TROUBLE TO COME** – ooh. Wow.

Why is this part big? It shows us the maturity of Hab I believe. What's he been doing this whole time?

Questioning? Yes.....but mostly TALKING! Remember, this is a conversation.

But it appears now Hab is just going to sit QUIETLY and WAIT.

My goodness, how smart would it be for me to simply be QUIET and WAIT when confusion comes? What about when things begin to fall apart or not go the way I want. Why not just be QUIET and WAIT?

This is incredible to me as we see a man who is a lot like us. We don't like to admit it....in fact, we don't have the courage or faith or belief in God to often question Him in this way.

But I pray when we do and as we do, we also bring the heart of Hab as well.

He was sure he was right about God, and He was. But Hab allowed emotions to rule over truth.

The truth was simple....God was, in and will always be in control. Hab forgot, we do too.

As Hab began to recount all that God had done and all that God is.....it was then He remembered. You're God. His response....."I'm just gonna sit over here and be quiet, let you do your thing and simply wait."

Apply & GO

Very simple today...in moments of doubt, confusion, weakness rather than running with a fist in the air, why not be quiet, look to God, and simply wait. Trust me, He'll make Himself and His plans known to you!