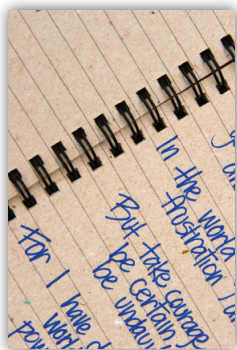


Finally...He gets it!

Today's Reading
Habakkuk 3:1-19

In this last chapter, Habakkuk writes one final response. Instead of a third complaint of confusion and dissatisfaction with God, Habakkuk now pens a Psalm complete with the Selah's that punctuate many of the 150 Psalms found in the middle of your Bible. Here, he traces God's work from days gone by...perhaps referencing



events related to the Exodus from Egypt. But let your eyes fall down to verse 17.

Had Habakkuk grasped what God was trying to say? Did you understand that at times you need to ignore your vision and trust your Father? Read verses 17 and 18 again.

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior."

Habakkuk started the book looking at injustice and complaining to God. He ends the book by describing famine and rejoicing in God. He had learned that at times he needed to ignore his vision and trust his Father!

Where are you on that learning curve? Your sovereign Father is neither ignorant of nor powerless over the injustices of this world or of your life. He knows about them and has the capacity to change them! He cares infinitely about His children and His reputation. Ultimately, He acts according to His justice and grace and He has both your good and your Christ-like character in mind. Do you understand that? I yearn for the day when I will never complain, always have faith, constantly trust my Father before I believe my eyes. I am not there yet. But I do know that I can resolve today to say, "God I am rejoicing in you even though there are no figs, grapes, olives, oats, sheep, or cattle."

Why not express that to Him today in a written prayer...a Psalm that will serve as your way of saying to Him, "Father I trust you, even though my vision is clouded."