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Habakkuk's Prayer 3:1-19	Habakkuk's Prayer 3:1-19
Takes the form of a	Takes the form of a
Highly Structured and Poetic:	Highly Structured and Poetic:
Vs 2—The Invocation: Draws on the entirety of	Vs 2—The Invocation: Draws on the entirety of
Vs 3-7—Theophany pt 1:	Vs 3-7—Theophany pt 1:
Vs 8-15—Theophany pt2:	Vs 8-15—Theophany pt2:
Vs16-19a—Habakkuk's Response:	Vs16-19a—Habakkuk's Response:
Habakkuk looks to the to see the	Habakkuk looks to the to see the
so that he can live rightly in the	so that he can live rightly in the

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Why is it important to remember and name what God has done in the past?

- How do we as a church community keep the story of God's great acts of salvation always before us?
- Do you have personal stories of God's past faithfulness?
 - How do these stories shape your present?
- What practical steps can you take to make sure you remember who God is and what God has done and will do?
- 3. Habakkuk resolves to praise God and be faithful even when things are catastrophically bad. Read Daniel 3:16-18 and Romans8:31-39.
 - How do these passages reinforce Habakkuk's attitude and understanding?
 - Does faithfulness to God require us to deny the reality of hardships and suffering or simply to trust God in the midst of them?
 - How does a personal relationship with God change our experience of going through hardship and suffering?

4. Habakkuk chapter three was written as a Psalm to be prayed. Consider praying through parts or all of this passage throughout this week.

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