

# BEYOND SUNDAY: January 31, 2021

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SERIES OVERVIEW: [wearepcc.com/Habakkuk](http://wearepcc.com/Habakkuk)

MESSAGE: Worshipping God in Troubled Times

**Trust the Lord, no matter what.** Easier said than done...especially after living through 2020! Habakkuk's message for God's people around the world today is that followers of Jesus can, and must, trust in God no matter how tumultuous circumstances may become. However, trusting God is an ongoing process that involves wrestling, waiting, and worshipping Him. This week we focus on worshipping God.

## #1

In Bible times we know that names were often chosen after an event, parent or grandparent. We learned that Habakkuk's name means to embrace or to wrestle. Do you know the meaning behind your name? If you have children, why did you choose your child's name? Do you think we live into the meaning of our name?

## #2

Read [Habakkuk 3](#), which ends in a song of worship by Habakkuk. According to this week's speaker, Pastor Gary Gaddini, Habakkuk isn't worshipping because God answered his prayers. He is worshipping in spite of terrible circumstances and he is still living in the contradiction between what he sees with his eyes and what he believes in his heart. Think of a time when you experienced hard circumstances. Were you able to worship in the midst of the circumstances or did you wait until the storm passed?

## #3

See [Romans 12:1](#). According to Pastor Gary, worship is more than a song. Worship is:

- God empowered
- God surrendered
- God oriented living

What does worship mean to you?

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## #4

How do we hold on in the midst of a storm, much less worship God? How did Habakkuk do it? First of all, he anchored himself to the faithfulness of God and what He had done in the past (see [Hebrews 6:19](#)). The purpose of an anchor is to keep a vessel stabilized and prevent it from drifting away in a storm. If we anchor ourselves to God's faithfulness, His character, and what He has done in the past, how will this affect our walk with Him? What is it that you are anchored to right now? How has God worked in your past to remind you of His faithfulness?

## #5

Next we see that Habakkuk accepted God's plan. See [Habakkuk 3:16](#). According to Pastor Gary, acceptance is critical to thriving in life. Acceptance is embracing the present—both good and bad—in order to shape the future. Last week, we learned from Pastor Scott that each one of us will go through a dark time in our lives. If you are in a storm now, is there anything that is standing in the way of your embracing the present? Is it possible to accept God's plan but not agree with it?

## #6

See [Habakkuk 3:17-19](#). Finally we see Habakkuk trusting in God unconditionally. What is preventing you from trusting God unconditionally? What is it about God that allows you to trust Him unconditionally?

### Prayer:

Lord, we acknowledge worship is more than the songs we sing. Help us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to you, and may this be our spiritual act of worship. Help us to anchor ourselves to you and remember what you have done in the past, embrace the present, accept your good and perfect plan for our lives, and trust you unconditionally. We acknowledge that this is not easy, so we rest in the power of your Holy Spirit. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

### Other Resources:

1. [Watch a video](#) overview of Habakkuk
2. Need support - Get a [coach, counselor or peer](#) to walk with you
3. Need a group to grow - Check out all the [Winter Experiences 2021](#)