

Wisdom not Worry
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Habakkuk 3:3-15

**“Lord, I have heard the report of what you did; I am awed, Lord, by what you accomplished.
In our time repeat those deeds; in our time reveal them again.” Habakkuk 3:2a**

When you fear the future, the best way to move forward is to look back.

In the face of uncertainty, some say, “Look within and summons the courage to conquer your fears.” Others say, “Look up, shoot for the stars and don’t let anything get in the way of your dreams.” Hogwash!

Facing the certainty of a disturbing future of God’s judgment, Habakkuk recalled God’s past deliverance. For example, the mention of plague and pestilence (vs. 5) brings to mind the sovereign strength of God in sending ten plagues upon Egypt. The rivers (vs. 8) recall God’s turning the Nile to blood and parting the Jordan so the Israelites could cross. The reference to the sun standing still (v. 11), is a recollection of God fighting for Israel in Joshua’s day. The sea (v. 15) reminded him of God’s mighty deliverance in parting the Red Sea in the exodus from Egypt.

As Habakkuk remembered how God saved in the past, it fueled his faith for what God could do and would do in the future. His awe of God dwarfed any fear of tomorrow. God delivered then and He would do it again.

Do you fear the future? Look back. Grab your Bible and remember the countless stories of God’s power to deliver His people. He did it then and he will do it again. Do you worry about tomorrow? Look back. Recount the ways God has shown His power to protect, deliver, strengthen and comfort in your own life. Having trouble? Look back. Remember how Jesus delivered you from sin and made you his dearly loved child. Look back. Remember and believe. Then move forward in the confidence of God who delivered then and will do it again.

Grateful,
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