

# *Effective Prayer*

Habakkuk 3:1- 2 NIV

## **BAD NEWS: LIFE IS DIFFICULT.**

**Habakkuk 1:3b–4** *Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore, the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.*

## **GOOD NEWS: THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE FOR JESUS FOLLOWERS.**

### **a. The righteous shall live by faith.**

**Hab 2:4** *ESV Behold, his soul (the enemy) is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.*

### **b. The Lord always wins! His glorious attributes will be on display!**

**Hab 2:14** *ESV For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

### **c. Our Sovereign Lord is in control. He hasn't forgotten or abandoned you.**

**Hab 2:20** *ESV The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.*

## **1. THE GOOD NEWS MOVED HABBAKUK FROM \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hab 3:1** *A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth.*

## **2. EFFECTIVE PRAYER STARTS WITH \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hab 3:2a** *LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD.*

## **3. EFFECTIVE PRAYER IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hab 3:2b** *Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known;*

## **4. EFFECTIVE PRAYER RECOGNIZES BOTH GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hab 3:2c** *...in wrath remember mercy.*

*Let's begin our prayer with humble adoration.*

*Let's continue with heartfelt prayer in alignment with God's will.*

*Pray for the Gospel to go to the ends of the earth.*

*Pray for those we are discipling to know and love Jesus more.*

*Pray for revival/renewal at Countryside.*

*Let's pray fervently for justice for the unrepentant and mercy for the repentant.*

*Finally, let's pray for Jesus to come soon.*