



TAKE HEART

33 In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 (NIV 2011)

¹⁷ 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,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NIV 2011)

² How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?

³ Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

Habakkuk 1:2-3 (NIV 2011)

5 “Look at the nations and watch—
and be utterly amazed.

For I am going to do something in your
days

that you would not believe,
even if you were told...”

Habakkuk 1:5 (NIV 2011)

¹ I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this
complaint.

Habakkuk 2:1 (NIV 2011)



ABIDE

...but the righteous person will live by **faith** ...

Habakkuk 2:4 (NIV 1995)

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What we learn about joy from Habakkuk

- Often unexpected – not dependent on circumstances
- Byproduct of an authentic, trusting relationship with God
- The source of true joy is God and is always a gift from Him.

¹⁹ The Sovereign Lord is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.

For the director of music on my stringed
instruments.

Habakkuk 3:19 (NIV 2011)