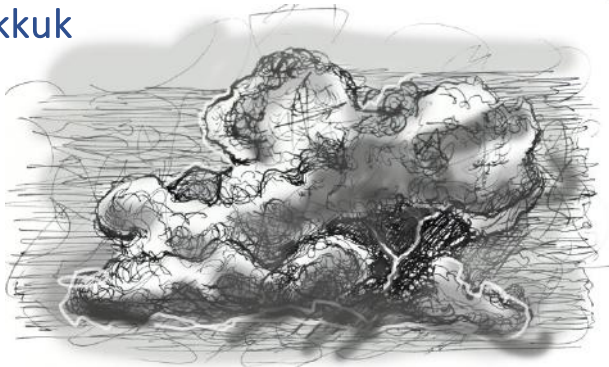


## Joy in the Storm Habakkuk



1:1-4: **Habakkuk**: How long will you tolerate wrongdoing?

1:5-11: **God**: I am raising up the a ruthless people

1:12-2:1: **Habakkuk**: Will you really let the wicked  
swallow up your people?

2:2-20: **God**: Judgment will come at the appointed time

3:1-15: **Habakkuk** sees God's awesome judgment

3:16-19: **Habakkuk** trembles, and rejoices in God by faith

### The Big Idea

**Joy in the storm is the work of God in us through faith in Him**

It is good to rejoice when we experience God's goodness

Rejoicing in God when we aren't experiencing His goodness is a purer faith: It shows His glory more clearly

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

The entire present world order may pass away  
But God's grace to his people is limitless forever!



### Aphantasia

Inability to visualize what our eyes aren't seeing

Treatment: Imagery training → draw, paint, describe

We don't see everything subject to Jesus now

"But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."

*Hebrews 2:8-9*

### What are we to do?

#### Fix the eyes of our hearts on our unseen God

"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming."

1 Peter 1:13

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you..." Ephesians 1:18

### Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. What are the storms that tend to dominate your heart?
2. What helps you to fix your heart on the unseen and eternal glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ?
3. How can we help each other deeply know the hope to which we have been called?

### Conversation starters this week

What gives you joy in the storms of life?