

I. Introduction

A. The Cry of a Prophet

- Habakkuk's frustration with corruption, violence, and injustice in Judah
- The universal question: "Lord, how long?"
- Modern parallels: watching news and questioning God's timing

B. God's Surprising Answer

- "Look among the nations... I am doing something you wouldn't believe"
- God's call to walk by faith
- God invites us to join Him in His work

C. Finding Where God is at Work

- Henry Blackaby's principle: "Find out where God is at work and join Him there"
- Personal testimony of joining Hilliard church
- The church's motto: "We do church differently"
- Following God, not religion

II. God's Mission Begins with God's Vision

A. The Call to Look Beyond

- Habakkuk's limited perspective vs. God's global purpose
- God's mission transcends nations, peoples, and generations

B. Biblical Evidence of God's Heart for Nations

- Genesis 12:3 - Blessing all families of earth through Abraham
- Psalm 67:2 - God's way known among all nations
- Matthew 28:19 - Great Commission to all nations
- Revelation 7:9 - Multitude from every nation before the throne

C. The Shift from Inward to Outward

- Missions start when we stop looking inward and start looking outward

III. God's Mission Often Moves in Unexpected Ways

A. The Babylonian Surprise

- God's use of a ruthless empire shocked Habakkuk
- God's ways don't always make sense to us

B. Biblical Examples of Unexpected Methods

- Joseph: Famine used to save nations (Genesis 37-50)
- Joseph's brothers' evil turned to good (Genesis 50:20)
- The cross: Death used to bring eternal salvation

C. It's Okay to Ask "Why?"

- Permission to question God
- God sees the bigger picture
- Crises often propel the Gospel forward

D. Personal Mission Testimonies

1. Haiti (2010)

- Earthquake opened doors for ministry
- 1,700 volunteers participated
- 55,000+ Haitians ministered to
- 1,300+ salvations

2. Belize (2017)

- Violence in Haiti diverted medical team to Belize
- Hundreds ministered to
- Nearly 70 salvations, including 25+ on one remote island

3. Bahamas

- Hurricane Dorian created ministry opportunity
- Helped rebuild Shiloh Baptist Church
- Ministered to children

4. United States

- Haiti border closure led to Myrtle Beach ministry
- COVID-19 opened doors to Pulaski County, KY

E. The Bahamas Roof Miracle

- 30-year church building project
- Materials miraculously provided and shipped
- First team prepared; skilled team completed the work
- Metal roof saved buildings from fire weeks later

IV. God's Mission Requires God's People to Respond in Faith

A. Habakkuk's Journey

- From complaining to worshipping
- From "How long, Lord?" to "The Lord is my strength"

B. The Faith Journey in Missions

- Moving from doubt to obedience
- Joining God who never stops working

C. The Call to Send and Go

- Romans 10:14-15: How will they hear without someone preaching?
- Every believer is either a sender or a goer

V. God's Mission Is for All Nations, but It Starts with Us

A. Personal Responsibility

- Habakkuk still had responsibility at home
- Revival begins with obedience to God's call

B. Acts 1:8 Model

- Witnesses in Jerusalem (local)
- Judea and Samaria (regional)
- Ends of the earth (global)

C. Multiple Ways to Participate

- Pray
- Give
- Go
- Send

VI. God's Mission Will End in God's Glory

A. The Ultimate Goal

- Not just saving souls, but glorifying God

B. Habakkuk's Final Faith

- "Though the fig tree does not blossom... yet I will rejoice in the Lord" (Hab. 3:17-18)

C. The Final Picture

- Revelation 7:9-10: Every tribe and tongue worshipping before the Lamb
- The reason we go, give, and pray

VII. Conclusion: Our Call Today

A. Habakkuk's Transformation

- From despair to faith
- Lifted eyes from problems to God's purpose

B. God's Continued Work

- Still speaking to His church today
- "Look among the nations and see; be amazed"

C. Our Response

- Lift eyes to mission fields worldwide and nearby
- Isaiah's response: "Here am I, Lord. Send me" (Isaiah 6:8)

VIII. Closing Prayer

- Thanksgiving for God's work among nations
- Confession of limited vision
- Request to see people who need God
- Prayer for faith like Habakkuk
- Commitment to take Gospel to ends of earth