

## ***Sermon Notes – June 11, 2017***

*The Joy of Faith in Our Lord – Habakkuk 3:1-19*

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*Our Mission: Helping people take the next step in one's relationship with Jesus Christ.*

*Our Vision Statement:*

**Connect:** *Connect through authentic community with other Christ-followers; **Grow:** Grow in one's personal relationship with Jesus;*

**Go:** *Go and serve others sharing love and the gospel.*

1. If Romans 8:28 is true, and the book of Habakkuk is true, and if we are truly living for the Lord, (rather than sin-filled lives) then our complaints against God, and against life, are short-sighted. Why? Because God is using the very things we are complaining about for our ultimate good...and for His ultimate glory!
2. If Romans 8:28 is true, and the book of Habakkuk is true, and if we truly are living for the Lord, then we have no legitimate basis for bitterness. Why? Because God promises to use the evil of others for our ultimate good and His ultimate glory (Genesis 50:20).
3. If Romans 8:28 is true, and the book of Habakkuk is true, and if we are truly living for the Lord, then in the midst of sufferings, we must recognize that God will bring forth "good" if we love Him, and if we are living according to His purpose. This truth should serve as a soothing, hope-filled balm.
4. Finally, if Romans 8:28 is true, and the book of Habakkuk is true, and if we are living for the Lord, then we can climb over the hurts, the disappointments, the tears and heartaches, and the sleepless nights, and boldly declare that God will work all things **"for good, for those who love Him, (and) who are called according to His purpose."**