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1  Praise!

Praise God Despite Circumstances

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though the flocks disappear from the pen and there are no herds in the stalls, [18] yet I will celebrate in the LORD; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! [19] The LORD my Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights! For the choir director: on stringed instruments.

Habakkuk, one of the twelve minor prophets in the Old Testament, was a prophet to the Kingdom of Judah. His book is unique for its focus on a dialogue between himself and God, highlighting his struggle with understanding God's ways and his faith journey through questioning and eventual trust. The book of Habakkuk presents a raw, honest look at a believer's struggle with the problem of evil and the silence of God. Through his journey, Habakkuk moves from frustration to a faith that rejoices in God, no matter the circumstances.

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2 Praise!
Praise God in Hardships

Acts 16:25-26

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. [26] Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains came loose.

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3 Praise!
Praise Brings Breakthrough

Acts 16:29-34

The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. [30] He escorted them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" [31] They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household." [32] And they spoke the word of the Lord to him along with everyone in his house. [33] He took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. Right away he and all his family were baptized. [34] He brought them into his house, set a meal before them, and rejoiced because he had come to believe in God with his entire household.

Psalm 150:6 CSB

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD. Hallelujah!