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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? (PART III)

Surrounded By Change, Surrounded By Uncertainty, Surrounded By Unknowns...

Habakkuk 3:19 (Amplified) "The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk (not to stand still in terror, but to walk) and make (spiritual) progress upon my high places of (trouble, suffering, or responsibility)!"

My daily reading today included the above passage and the words leaped from the page. Our brother, Habakkuk, was surrounded by national problems that were caused by his own people defying God. Israel's disobedience caused much grief for everyone. Those who continued to serve God suffered along with the guilty as they were one nation and the discipline God would administer would impact them all. It is unfortunate that the consequences of life do not only fall on the guilty, but the innocent as well.

What was encouraging is the first verse of this chapter, which reveals the tone in which Habakkuk presents his prayer. The prayer was set to music and the verse says, "A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, set to wild, enthusiastic, and triumphal music." When you read the prayer it doesn't seem pleasant, but the ending of His prayer reflects he did not allow his confusing and changing environment to distort his perspective of the great God he served. He rejoiced because in that climate His God is his Strength, his personal bravery, and invincible army. He sees himself making great spiritual progress in the midst of an unpleasant environment.

Our God is the same today, and He makes our feet steady so we can walk and make spiritual progress during times of trouble, suffering or responsibility. Let's Celebrate Change as walk in the beauty of His glory and grace!

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