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Questions are Ok!”**

Habakkuk 1:1-17

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Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

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Habakkuk 1:1-17 (CSB)

1 The pronouncement that the prophet Habakkuk saw. **2** How long, Lord, must I call for help and you do not listen or cry out to you about violence and you do not save? **3** Why do you force me to look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Oppression and violence are right in front of me. Strife is ongoing, and conflict escalates. **4** This is why the law is ineffective and justice never emerges. For the wicked restrict the righteous; therefore, justice comes out perverted. **5** Look at the nations and observe—be utterly astounded! For I am doing something in your days that you will not believe when you hear about it. **6** Look! I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter, impetuous nation that marches across the earth's open spaces to seize territories not its own. **7** They are fierce and terrifying; their views of justice and sovereignty stem from themselves. **8** Their horses are swifter than leopards and more fierce than wolves of the night. Their horsemen charge ahead; their horsemen come from distant lands. They fly like eagles, swooping to devour. **9** All of them come to do violence; their faces are set in determination. They gather prisoners like sand. **10** They mock kings, and rulers are a joke to them. They laugh at every fortress and build siege ramps to capture it. **11** Then they sweep by like the wind and pass through. They are guilty; their strength is their god. **12** Are you not from eternity, Lord my God? My Holy One, you will not die. Lord, you appointed them to execute judgment; my Rock, you destined them to punish us. **13** Your eyes are too pure to look on evil, and you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. So why do you tolerate those who are treacherous? Why are you silent while one who is wicked swallows up one who is more righteous than himself? **14** You have made mankind like the fish of the sea, like marine creatures that have no ruler. **15** The Chaldeans pull them all up with a hook, catch them in their dragnet, and gather them in their fishing net; that is why they are glad and rejoice. **16** That is why they sacrifice to their dragnet and burn incense to their fishing net, for by these things their portion is rich and their food plentiful. **17** Will they therefore empty their net and continually slaughter nations without mercy?

Notes

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

TO THE EDGE!!!

When a person accepts Christ as Saviour, that person has chosen to be different from the surrounding society. This decision means we are welcoming a new value system and viewpoint of the world. Our goal has become to see our surroundings through the “eyes of Christ.” We have become citizens of the Kingdom of God! This makes us aliens and strangers within the world in which we reside, for our world is not “God sensitive” toward His commands and expectations. The closer we get to Christ and His values, the farther we will get from the things of this world. Are you prepared to live this life of constant growth?

A “domesticated Christian faith” is one that is trained for the “rights and wrongs” of moral obligation. Yet, for the liberated follower of Christ, we serve Christ out of our freedom (Gal. 5:1) and our very being! Reward and responsibility are not our motivators. We don't spend our efforts separating things between sacred and secular or common versus spiritual. The things of God are integrated into our motivations, plans, values, decisions, work, play, and all things sacred to us.

Today, I desire to remind us to never compromise/settle for being a domesticated or tame follower of Christ. Jesus modeled anything but a domesticated or “boxed” Jewish leader. We too must learn to be “cutting edge” with our dreams, goals, and service to the Father if we expect CBC, and ourselves, to be blessed for our courage in serving our Lord!



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- We would like to formally welcome Ashley Lo (Dewi) as our CBC full time English Secretary effective Monday, July 1, 2024. She can be reached at ashleyl@cbchouston.org if you have any questions / concerns.
- **Reminder No Lunch today due to the week of July 4th and CBC office will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.**
- **Please save the date, Business Meeting on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.** We will have 2 deacon candidates to vote on: Edmond Cheung and Hailong Yong. They will both share their testimonies before the business meeting. In addition, Edmond Cheung will share his testimony on July 14, 2024, during the English, Cantonese and Mandarin Worship Services. On July 21, 2024, Hailong Yong will share his testimony during the English Worship Service and again on July 28, 2024, during the Cantonese and Mandarin Worship Services.

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