



Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

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rather than _____.

Habakkuk 3:17-19: ¹⁷Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. ¹⁹The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

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Jeremiah 17:5-8: ⁵This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. ⁷But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

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Psalms 1:1-3: ¹Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ²but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

1. These days, do you feel like you are a) flourishing or b) in a funk? Why?
2. Read Habakkuk 3:17-19. What promises has God made that give you the perspective you need to be joyful despite the problems we are facing in our world?
3. Read Jeremiah 17:5-8. In what area(s) of your life are you tempted to take matters into your own hands? What would it look like for you to put yourself in God's hands instead?
4. Read Psalm 1:1-3. What are some of the ways your life is being shaped by people who do not love God? What must you do, specifically, to be shaped by God's word instead?
5. Think about the network of close relationships God has given you. Who in that network might benefit from your boldness in helping them to take a step closer to God?