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A Sermon by Terrell Powell

Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red, the way Terrell wrote them.

Sermon Opening: “It’s Not Fair, But God Is Still Showing Grace”

You know, sometimes life just doesn’t feel fair.

You look around and see people who don’t even care about God — living how they want — and it seems like everything is going right for them.

They’re getting the job, the car, the house, the smile, the fame.

And here we are — trying to live right, pray right, love right — and we still go through pain, heartbreak, and struggle.

You ever asked God, “Why me, Lord?”

Why does it seem like I’m the one who’s trying, but I’m the one crying?

Why does it seem like people who don’t pray are the ones that prosper,

while the ones who do pray are the ones that suffer?

But family, here’s what I want you to remember — God is still good.

Even when life isn’t fair, God is still showing grace.

He sees what you’re going through.

He knows the battles you’re fighting in secret.

He hasn’t forgotten you.

Sometimes God allows the unfair things to teach us how to trust Him.

Because His blessings don’t always show up as money, or cars, or comfort.

Sometimes His greatest blessing is strength — strength to keep going when you feel like giving up.

So before we go into this message, I want you to hold this in your heart:

Life might not be fair, but God is always faithful.

He’s still showing mercy, even in the moments we don’t understand.

📖 Who Was Habakkuk

Habakkuk was a minor prophet in the Old Testament.

His name likely means “to embrace.”

He lived around 609–597 B.C., during the final years before Babylon conquered Judah.

He served God during a time of national corruption, violence, and injustice.

🗣️ His Unique Approach

Unlike other prophets who spoke for God to the people, Habakkuk spoke to God about the people.

His book is written like a conversation (or complaint) between Habakkuk and God.

He questioned God honestly — "Why do You let evil go unpunished?" and "Why do the wicked prosper?"

⚖️ Main Themes

1. Questioning God's Justice:

Habakkuk complained that God seemed to tolerate injustice in Judah.

2. God's Response:

God told Habakkuk He would use the Babylonians (Chaldeans) to punish Judah.

3. The Prophet's Struggle:

Habakkuk couldn't understand how God could use a nation more wicked than Judah to bring judgment.

4. Faith and Trust:

God reminded him that "the righteous will live by faith." (Habakkuk 2:4)

→ This verse became central to Christian faith, quoted by Paul in Romans 1:17.

5. Prayer and Praise:

The book ends with a song of faith, showing that even in suffering, Habakkuk would rejoice in the Lord.

🧐 Lessons from Habakkuk

It's okay to ask God questions — faith isn't the absence of questions but trusting God's answers.

God's justice may be delayed but never denied.

True faith means trusting God even when we don't understand His plan.

When you can't see God's hand, trust His heart.

Habakkuk teaches believers to move from fear to faith, from worry to worship.

📯 Famous Verses

Habakkuk 2:4: "The just shall live by his faith."

Habakkuk 3:17–18:

> "Though the fig tree may not blossom... yet I will rejoice in the Lord,

I will joy in the God of my salvation."..

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ABOUT THIS BOOK

Life is not fair — but God is still showing grace. A sermon for anybody who has watched the world win and wondered where God was.

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and a light unto my path."

PSALM 119:105 — KJV

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