

Joe Stewart: Even Though

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Joe Stewart, senior pastor of [First Baptist Church](#) in Seminole, asked early in the service, “Is there a better way in the hard times?”

Stewart led his congregation to repeat his sermon’s theme: “Even if I wonder, even while I wait, through it all I’ll worship.”

Real life is not a sitcom; it has strong headwinds and deep uncertainties. Habakkuk is a book about real life, Stewart said. Habakkuk is a story about questioning God (Habakkuk 1), waiting on God (Habakkuk 2) and continuing to worship God through it all in the midst of difficult times (Habakkuk 3).

Many people “opt out” of relationship with God when life seems to contradict belief. But “you can’t quit,” Stewart exhorted. Even though it seems like there’s no payoff for trusting God, a payoff will come—whether for you or for someone else, he proclaimed.

This sermon was delivered May 22, 2022, for the morning worship service at First Baptist Church in Seminole, which included a celebration of graduating seniors. It is part of a series titled “A Better Way.”

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