

#8 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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SCENE 1: THE PERSONAL JOURNAL OF A
“WHY’S” PROPHET

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SCENE 2: THE PROBLEM OF SOUND THEOLOGY WITHOUT FAITH

*WHEN A HUMBLE “HOLY! HOLY! HOLY!” IS REPLACED BY A
PRIDEFUL “WHY? WHY? WHY?”*

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SCENE 3: THE WISE MAN LIVES BY FAITH
(HABAKKUK 2:2-4)

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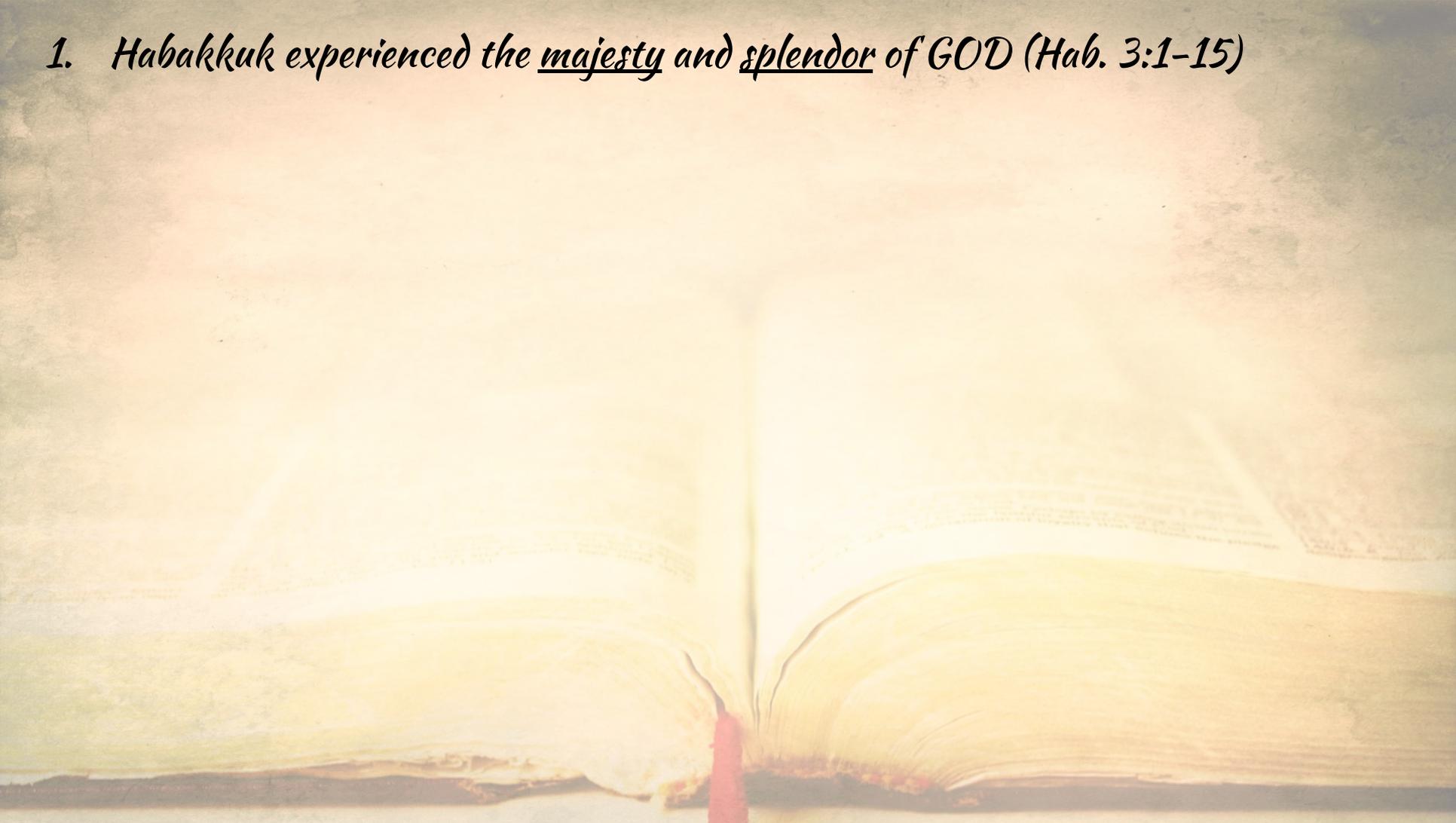
SCENE 4: GOD MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS!
(1:5-6; 2:2-20)

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SCENE 5: LIVING BY FAITH REQUIRES AN
INTERNALIZED BELIEF IN GOD’S
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Cf. Job 42:1-6; Isaiah 6:5; Luke 5:8
(Prov. 1:7, 9:10; Rev. 1:17-18)

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We are perhaps too quick to discount “experience”

*It is true that our theology is not built on “experience”,
but a theology that is never experienced
is a defective theology that cannot sustain life.*

*We need to experience the awesome greatness of God and respond
in worship and obedience*

[“We have seen God’s Glory!” (Steve Green / Gary Driskell)]

We Have Seen God's Glory

There they are again

The witnesses of Jesus take their stand

Twelve amazing men

Their testimony spreads across their land

Such a story told

How can they believe

That God has walked upon the earth

Could they be deceived?

But how their words persuade

The truth is in their eyes

And many hearts are won to faith

As they testify:

Chorus:

We have seen God's glory

We have lived and walked with Christ the King

We have seen Him heal the wounded

We have heard the brokenhearted sing

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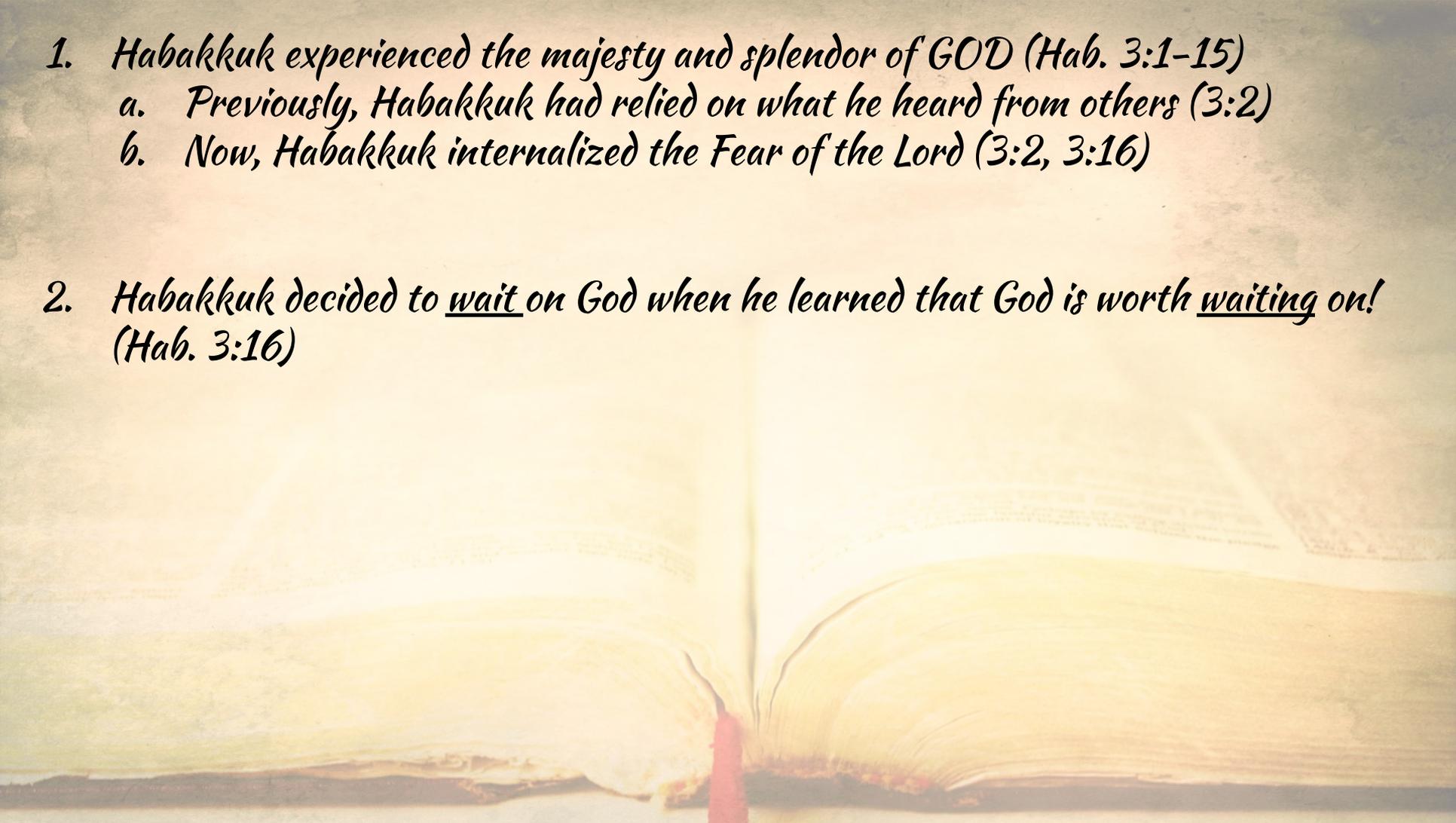
Walking with our God

In such a living way

That when we share our faith in Him

We can truly say: We have seen God's glory, Jesus Christ

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Be decisive.

Right

or

wrong...

Make a decision.

The road of life is paved

with flat squirrels

who
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-anonymous



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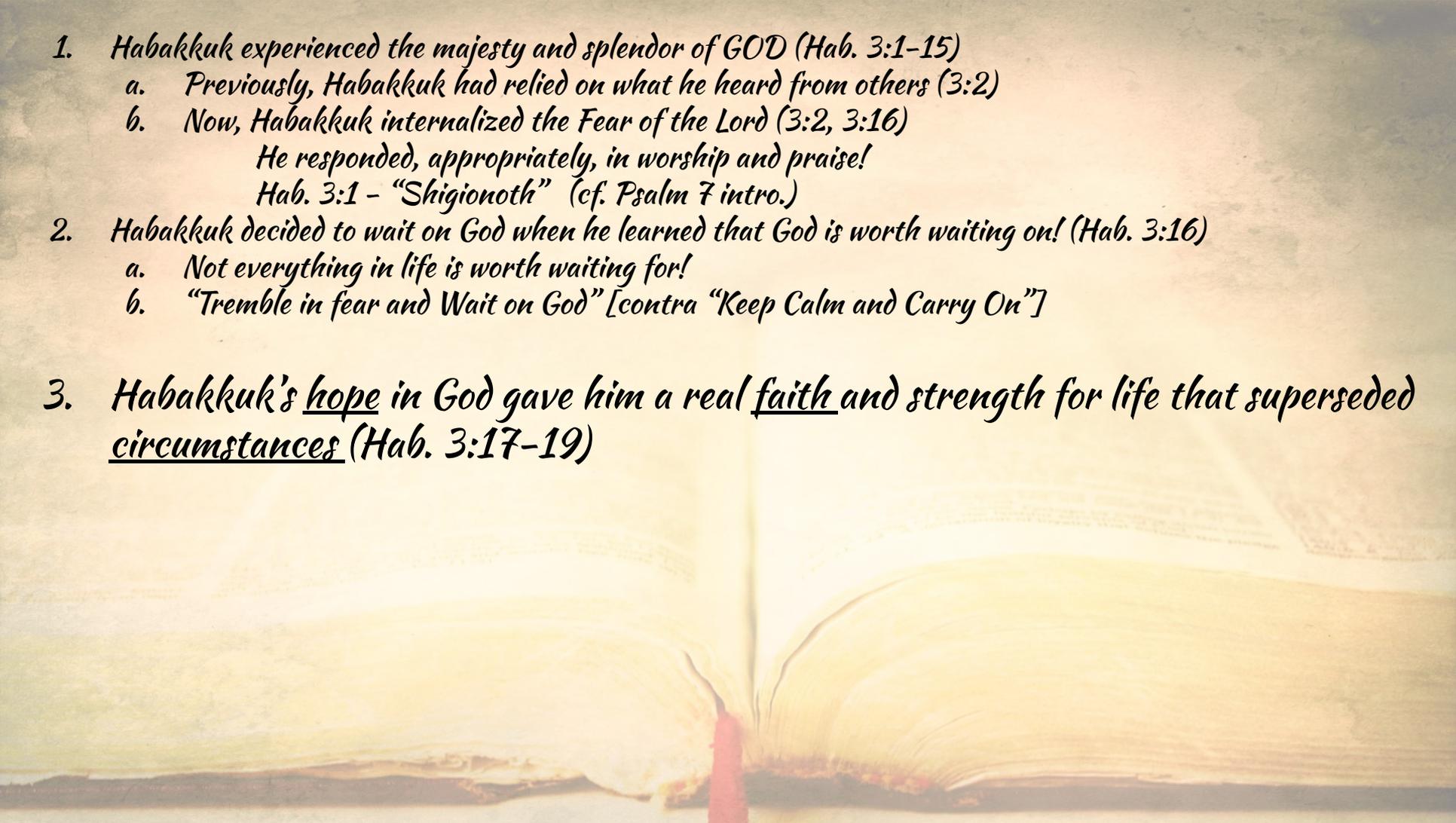


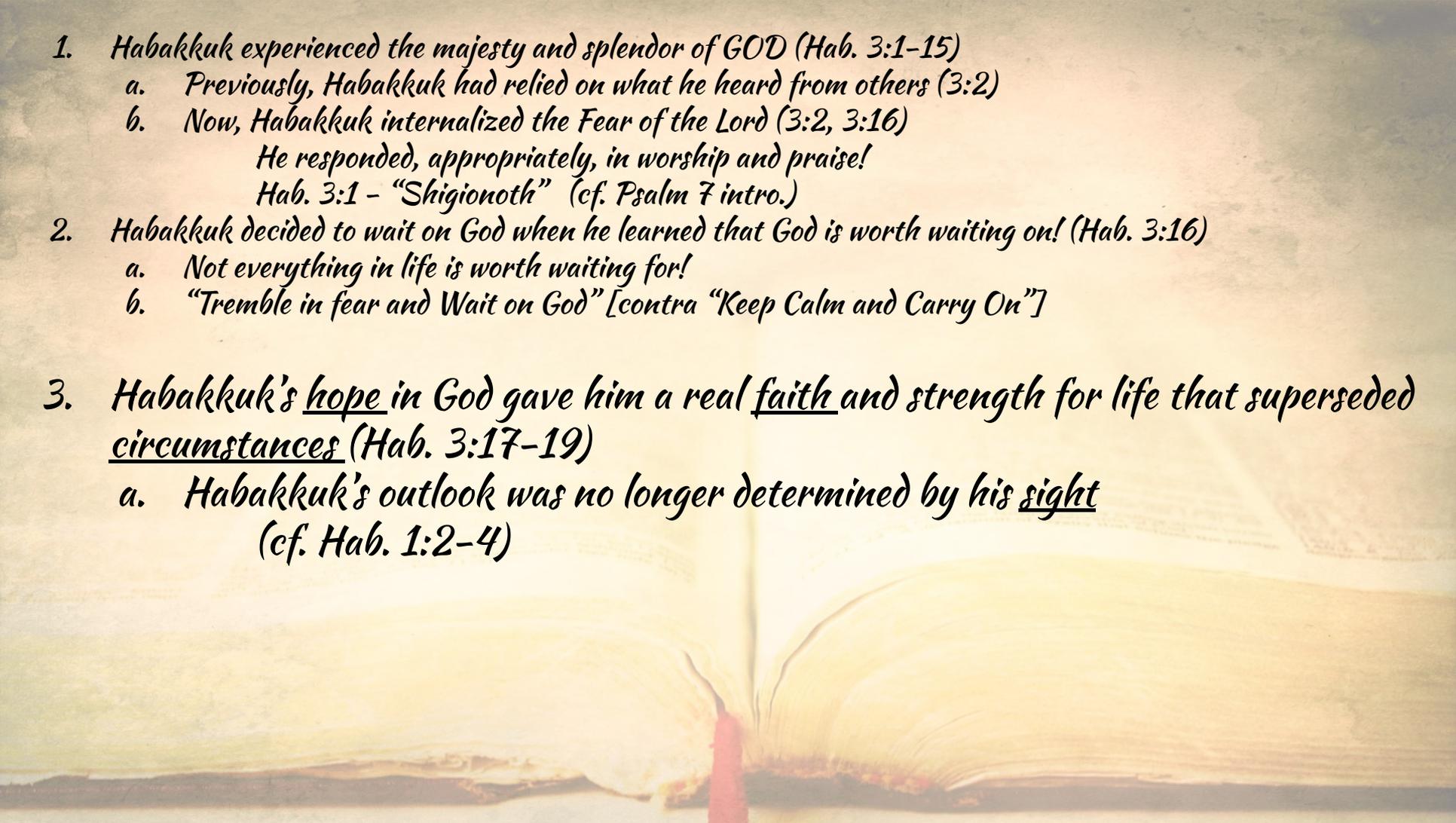
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Cf. Daniel 10:2-11, 12-20

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 - b. Through his own weakness, Habakkuk found great strength in God
(cf. 3:18-19 with 2 Cor. 12:9-10)

APPLICATION: If you do not internalize these truths, they just sit 'out there' like items on a shelf; they're still true, but you cannot experience their effects in your life! (cf. Romans 10:9 - "Confess with your mouth, AND believe in your heart!")

The prophets of old had to internalize the truths of God; we already have the internal, indwelling presence of the God of all creation! He inhabits us and desires to fill us and control us in a way Habakkuk could never experience!

Read Psalms of His greatness (start with Psalm 18 and Psalm 77)

Worship Him with songs of Praise (Sunday morning worship is just a taste, a primer; a culmination of the previous week and a beginning of a new week that should be full of daily praise and worship! Our corporate worship could come from the 'overflow' of your private worship rather than be seen as your 'fill' of worship for the week)