



WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

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The Old Testament prophet Habakkuk knew what it meant to trust in God no matter how badly things were going.

Though the fig tree may not blossom,
Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail,
And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,
And there be no herd in the stalls—
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
The Lord God is my strength;
He will make my feet like deer's feet,
And He will make me walk on my high hills.
—*Habakkuk 3:17-19*

If Habakkuk had been born 2,500 years later, perhaps he would have put it this way:

Though factories close,
And farms go bust;
Though the economy fail,
And jobs be lost;
Though currencies fall
And savings fade;
Yet we can rejoice in the living, loving God
For He is to be trusted;
He will keep me going;
His love will carry me through
And on to better things.

1. Romans 8:28
2. See Matthew 7:7-11.
3. Proverbs 18:24
4. Psalm 23:4