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# RE- FLECTING GOD

## 11/21/10 - I Choose Joy

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Habakkuk 3:12-19

I have been accused of being negative, but I feel I'm a realist. There is a lot in the world to be negative about, and the old song is wrong: Accentuating the positive does not eliminate the negative. We cling to the notion that we are a Christian nation; however, on any given Sunday morning, only about 30 percent of us are in church. Some Sundays, I have trouble getting home from church because of the traffic jams at the soccer fields.

Maybe I'm not in such bad company. Most of the prophets could be viewed as negative. Certainly, Habakkuk might have been viewed that way. He views everything in a worse-case scenario, yet he prompts us to joy.

Joy is a choice based upon trust and faith in God, not in the circumstances of our lives. I know this world is a mess, but my trust and faith is not in the systems of this world. Like Job, I say to God, "I know that you can do all things" (Job 42:2).

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