

Habakkuk 1: “Wrestling with God”

Message Map
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STARTING POINT: How do you respond when God seems unfair?

“How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.”

Habakkuk 1:2-3

“Where is God when life seems unfair?”

“Somewhere on his faith journey, the things that Habakkuk saw in the world did not line up with the things that he believed.”

Who was Habakkuk?

“The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received.” Habakkuk 1:1
oracle = maśśā’ - “a burden” or “an utterance of **D**_____.”

“Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.” Habakkuk 1:4

Habakkuk’s name means to “embrace” or to “**W**_____.”

Warning: Habakkuk offers no “sit-com” answers!

God’s response to Habakkuk’s “Complaints”:

“Look at the nations and watch and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.” Habakkuk 1:5

HIS/OUR Complaints - “God,

- ☹ You don’t seem to care.”
- ☹ You are not doing much when you could.”
- ☹ What you are doing does not seem fair.”

POINT TO PONDER: Do you fully believe the truth of Romans 8:28?

“**All things** work together **for good** for those who love God.”

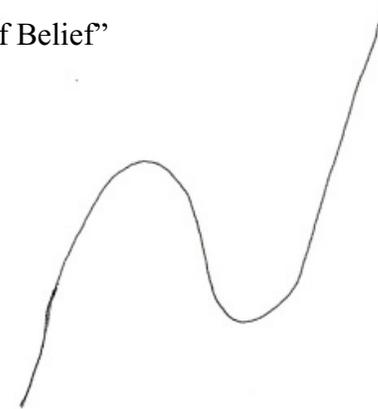
“Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James. 1:2-4

What does James 1:2-4 look like?

The **D**_____ = “Crisis of Belief”

You have Three Choices:

- 1) **G**_____ Back
- 2) **G**_____ Up
- 3) **P**_____ On



SELF-EXAM - When you find yourself in the Dip, what do you do?