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# **HABAKKUK:** From Fear to Faith

Lesson One • Habakkuk 1:1-11

### When God Doesn't Make Sense

#### The Book of Habakkuk

The book is a record of intense conversations Habakkuk had with God that led him from <u>FEAR</u> in his heart to <u>FAITH</u> in God' sovereignty

The prophet Habakkuk is deeply disturbed by the spiritual and social state of affairs in the nation of Judah, and he seeks to reconcile his understanding of God's sovereignty with what he sees as the incongruous and inconsistent actions of God through his prayerful lament and God's answers.

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. Habakkuk 1:1

#### Habakkuk's Lament about God's Silence

## 1. My Prayers Are UNANSWERED!

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and You will not hear? Habakkuk 1:2a

# 2. My Counsel Is **UNHEEDED!**

Or cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save. Habakkuk 1:2b

# 3. My Circumstances Are UNBEARABLE!

Why do You make me see iniquity, and why do You idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. Habakkuk 1:3

## 4. My Faith Is UNRAVELING!

So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. Habakkuk 1:4

#### Habakkuk's Question

Where is GOD when I need Him most?

#### God's Answer

I am working even when you don't SEE it or understand it!

"Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told." Habakkuk 1:5 Habakkuk 1:6-11

#### Lessons of Hope from God's Answer to Habakkuk

- I will never see God's work unless I WAIT on God.
- ❖ I will never wait on God without FAITH in God.