



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROCHESTER

Sermon Discussion Guide February 1, 2026

Refresh

Read Habakkuk 1:5-2:1 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

God's initial response to Habakkuk's lament is not comfort, but a declaration of impending judgment (1:5–11). Why would this response have been so unsettling for Habakkuk to hear? What key truths can we gain from God's reply to Habakkuk regarding how He perceives and addresses sin?

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Habakkuk 1:5 is often quoted as a positive, inspirational verse, yet both its context and Paul's use of it in Acts 13 show it as a warning. How does this verse serve as a reminder to pay careful attention to understand Scripture in its original context? What are some dangers of taking Scripture out of context?

God declares that He is actively working, even when Habakkuk believes He has been idle (1:3; 1:5). Why is it so hard to trust that God is working when His work seems to make circumstances worse instead of better? What important truths should we remind ourselves of when it appears that God is making things worse for us rather than better?

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Habakkuk struggles with the idea that God would use a nation more wicked than Judah as an instrument of judgment (1:12–13). What does this reveal about the limits of human moral reasoning when confronted with God's sovereignty? How does Isaiah 55:8-9 speak to the gap between our understanding and God's?

Habakkuk ends chapter 1 standing watch, waiting for God's response rather than walking away (2:1). What does this posture teach us about faith in times when God's ways seem incomprehensible, unresolved, or discouraging?