

Habbakkuk 1

WHY???
Is it ok to Question God?

Habakkuk meaning: To embrace or one who wrestles.

Theme: A Q&A with God

Faith brings questions (1:1-4)

Every mountain range has a valley

What do you do when you hit the valley floor?

1. Go back to where you were (chasing past spiritual highs)
2. Call a helicopter to pull you out. (Abandon the faith)
3. Keep going, eyes on the next peak. (Drawing closer to God)

Grace meets you where you are, not where you pretend to be.

A few biblical figures who brought doubt to God:

- Elijah (1 Kgs 19)
- Jeremiah (Jer 20:7)
- John the Baptist (Matt 11)
- Moses (Ex 3-4)
- David (Ps 3, 6, 13, 22, 51, You get the point)

Questions may bring confusing answers (1:5-11)

God's consistency

Deut 28:49-50 *The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand, ⁵⁰ a fierce-looking nation without respect for the old or pity for the young.*

The Benefit of Doubt

“A faith without some doubts is like a human body without any antibodies in it. People who blithely go through life too busy or indifferent to ask hard questions about why they believe as they do will find themselves defenseless against either the experience of tragedy or the probing questions of a smart skeptic.” – Tim Keller

Wrestling with the answer (1:12-17)

Things are not as they seem

Psalm 22:1 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?...*

Turns into:

Psalm 22:31 *They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!*

Questions for Personal Study:

1. What question are you afraid to bring to God?
2. Are you letting Scripture interpret your circumstances, or your circumstances interpret God?
3. Where are you tempted to pull away instead of keep wrestling?
4. What pain needs to be brought back to the cross?