

# Lord, I'm Confused!

Habakkuk 1:1-11

## FROM PASTOR MARK

Welcome to "HABAKKUK: THE STRUGGLE." In 1:1, we meet the man and his message. Little known about this prophet; but he is best known by his message—a weighty "burden." He is burdened about what is all around him. We don't face these same circumstances; but we face the same dilemmas in this evil world! With Habakkuk, we ask, "what are the godly to do?"

### I. WE LAMENT GOD'S (apparent) INACTION (1:2-4).

- A. Complaint to God about His Timing (2)
- B. Complaint to God about His Inaction (3a)
- C. Complaint to God about Evil (3b-4)

### II. WE FACE GOD'S (upcoming) ACTION (1:5-11).

- A. The Call to Face What is Coming (5)
  - 1. God's Sovereignty
  - 2. God's Mystery
- B. The Description of What is Coming (6-11) The Babylonian Invaders Were...
  - 1. Hostile (6)
  - 2. Haughty (7)
  - 3. Hasty (8)
  - 4. Harmful (9)
  - 5. Hardened (10)
  - 6. Humanistic (11, worshiped their own power)

### III. WE TRUST GOD'S (known) CHARACTER (1:12)

- A. His Attributes (12a, The Eternal One, the Holy One)
- B. His Covenant (12b)
  - 1. Not to Destroy His People
  - 2. But to Chasten His People!

Our world is a mess. Glance at the problems. **Gaze at the Lord!**

### TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

- 1. What about our world or your life causes you to identify with Habakkuk's struggle?
- 2. Read Psalm 13, a prayer of "lament." What does this lament teach us about how to cry out to God?
- 3. Read Habakkuk 1:2-4. Habakkuk, like the psalmists, knew how to lament and take their troubles to God. Which of Habakkuk's complaints can you most relate to in your life or setting?

- a. Complaint to God about His Timing (2)
  - b. Complaint to God about His Inaction (3a)
  - c. Complaint to God about Evil (3b-4)
4. Read Habakkuk 1:12. What is there about God's character that provides a "rock" on which we can stand in troubled times?
  5. What will help you take this advice: "Glance at the problems. Gaze at the Lord"?
  6. Remember that May 7, 6:30 PM is "Life Group Report Night" concerning this year's Life Group service projects. Please choose a spokesperson and plan to attend as a group. If you have not yet completed a service project, discuss what you might still be able to do, by May 7 if possible.