

**“From Heaviness to Hope” (Habakkuk 1-2)**  
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## **Introduction**

“Why don’t You do anything about [my particular situation]?”

What can we learn about moving from heaviness to hope from Habakkuk’s wrestling match—a series of questions the prophet posed to God?

## **The Questions**

God, don’t you see what’s going on around us, all the injustice?

- “O Lord, how long shall I cry [for justice], And You will not hear?” —Habakkuk 1:2

Wait, *what*?

- “Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours a person more righteous than he?” —Habakkuk 1:13b

“There is a temptation to pray as though man controls the hand of God and directs the Almighty in His path.”

Remember, God’s thoughts and ways are not our thoughts and ways—they are much higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9)!

## **The Facts**

1. The fact that **God’s character is unwavering** gives us hope.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” —Jeremiah 29:11

2. The fact that **God listens to and answers prayer** gives us hope.

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” —Jeremiah 33:3

3. The fact that **God keeps His word** gives us hope.

“If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.” —2 Timothy 2:13