# God is Good Even When Life Isn't

The Prophet Habakkuk

"O LORD, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear. Even cry out to You, 'Violence!' and You will not save... plundering and violence are before me, there is strife... the law is powerless, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous..."

Habakkuk 1:1-4

## The Big Ideas

Habakkuk...

- WONDERS honestly...
- WAITS patiently
- WORSHIPS anyway

#### Habakkuk Wonders

- He wonders honestly
- He wonders enduringly

"Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? WE SHALL NOT DIE." – Habakkuk 1:12

#### Habakkuk Waits

"I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart (tower) and watch (wait) to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected." - 2:1

- He gains PERSPECTIVE
- He is given a PRESCRIPTION

### The Prescription

"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by faith."

Habakkuk 2:4

#### Faith

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

– Hebrews 11:13

Those who live by faith...

- Believe v. 6
- Are persuaded v. 13
- Embrace v. 13

#### Habakkuk Worships

"But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,
And there be no herd in the stalls—Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet,
And He will make me walk on my high hills.

Habakkuk 2:20; 3:17-19

We may not find an answer to our frustrations and questions or better grasp our situation, BUT in the wrestling, we will come to better know and understand God and THAT gives peace and joy even in difficulty.