

## Flashback

### This Don't Make Sense

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

#### Key Scriptures

*How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong?* Habakkuk 1:2-3

<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." John 11:21-22

<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 2 Corinthians 12:8

*Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. 4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.* Habakkuk 1: 3-4

*Look at the nations and watch- and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. Habakkuk 1:5 6 I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own. 7 They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor. 8 Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like a vulture swooping to devour; 9 they all come bent on violence* Habakkuk 1:6-9

**Big idea:** God knows and understands the hopes and fears we keep in our hearts. In fact, He's the best listener. Even when we don't shout or cry out loud, He hears even our silent prayers

## TALK IT OVER

**Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Did anything from the message change the way you think about God? How?
- What is the hardest thing for you to wait on?
- What's the most outlandish prayer you've said or heard?

**Start Thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Why do you think God doesn't always intervene when we think He should?
- Why do you think God's timing is different from ours? What could be so different about our perspective?
- Pastor Dre described prayer as surrendering our will, not getting our way. Which do your prayers sound like? How would you shift?

**Start Sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you experienced a situation when God was late that still doesn't make sense? What's it like to go through that?
- What's one of the hardest things you're facing? What's the scariest part about not being about to select the action you want God to take?
- If you were certain God would use the hard thing you are facing for good, how would that change your perspective?

**Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What is something you need to stop trying to understand and just trust God with?
- Tell God and someone else about something you've been holding against God. Begin trusting Him to come through for you in His way in this area.
- Pick something you've been waiting for God to do. Set a reminder to pray each day this week for the Holy Spirit to reveal what He's doing in you now.

#### Lessons Learn From Habakkuk

1. There is nothing wrong with having doubts (1:2-4).
2. God may use the wicked to accomplish his purpose (1:6).
3. The sovereignty of God in using a wicked instrument does not annul human responsibility (2:4-20).
4. (3:17-18).
5. God will not lead us into a trial without providing the divine enablement to endure (3:19).

**Don't Let The Conversation Stop Here. Keep Talking It Over Online.**

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