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**EVERYONE
HAS A PLAN
UNTIL THEY
GET PUNCHED
IN THE FACE.**

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What do you do when life punches you in the face?

“God, what are you doing?”

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- The Old Testament is the story from creation to slavery to freedom to prominence, but then ultimately defeat.
- The prophets ministered roughly from 800 B.C to 400 B.C.

- Major Prophets vs. Minor Prophets
- The prophets primarily warned Israel what would happen if they continued in disobedience.

- Their message was not popular.
- In a world that is drifting away from God, we can learn beautiful lessons.
- Lens of grace

At Bat This Week:

- Habakkuk
- Lived in Southern Kingdom
- Approx. 600 BC
- Didn't speak to people about God
- Spoke to God about the people

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How long, O LORD, must I call for help?
But you do not listen!

“Violence is everywhere!” I cry, but you do
not come to save.

Habakkuk 1:2

The LORD replied,
“Look around at the nations; look and be
amazed! For I am doing something in your
own day, something you wouldn’t believe
even if someone told you about it.

Habakkuk 1:5 - 7

I am raising up the Babylonians, a cruel and violent people. They will march across the world and conquer other lands.

They are notorious for their cruelty and do whatever they like.

Habakkuk 1:5 - 7

O LORD my God, my Holy One, you who are eternal - surely you do not plan to wipe us out?

O LORD, our Rock, you have sent these Babylonians to correct us, to punish us for our many sins.

Habakkuk 1:12

Will you let them get away with this forever? Will they succeed forever in their heartless conquests?

Habakkuk 1:17

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Life punched Habakkuk in the face.

God's response hit even harder.

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD.

“And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 55:9

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!

Romans 11:33- 35

For who can know the LORD's thoughts?
Who knows enough to give him advice?
And who has given him so much that he
needs to pay it back?

Romans 11:33- 35

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So...what do we do after we've asked God
our questions?

I will climb up to my watchtower and stand
at my guardpost.

There I will wait to see what the LORD says
and how he will answer my complaint.

Habakkuk 2:1

But the LORD is in his holy Temple.
Let all the earth be silent before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

Wait.

Be silent.

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Listen

This prayer was sung by the prophet
Habakkuk:

I have heard all about you, LORD.

I am filled with awe by your amazing works.

Habakkuk 3:1 -2

Watch

I see God moving across the deserts from
Edom, the Holy One coming from Mount
Paran.

Habakkuk 3:3

Remember

Was it in anger, LORD, that you struck the
rivers and parted the sea?

Were you displeased with them?

No, you were sending your chariots of
salvation!

Habakkuk 3:8

Praise

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms,
and there are not grapes on the vines;
even though the olive crop fails,
and the fields lie empty and barren;
even though the flocks die in the fields,
and the cattle barns are empty,

Habakkuk 3:17 - 19

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD!

I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!

The Sovereign LORD is my strength!

He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able
to tread upon the heights.

Habakkuk 3:17 - 19

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What do you do when life punches you in the face?

Question -

Wait + Silent =

Hearing, Seeing, Remembering, Praising

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus,
the champion who initiates and perfects our
faith.

Because of the joy awaiting him, he
endured the cross, disregarding its shame.
Now he is seated in the place of honor
beside God's throne.

Hebrews 12:2

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