Dealing With a Bully Where Are You, God? Message Series Week 3 Habakkuk 2:4-20

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A. What is Habakkuk 2 saying?

1. Woe to the extortioner. (Habakkuk 2:6-8)

This will result in those you have plundered, plundering you.

2. Woe to those who gain wealth through <u>fraud</u>.

(Habakkuk 2:9-11)

This will result in shame and death.

3. Woe to those who murder and commit crimes.

(Habakkuk 2:12-14)

This will result in futility.

4. Woe to those who take advantage of others.

(Habakkuk 2:15-17)

This will result in shame and destruction.

5. Woe to those who worship idols. (Habakkuk 2:18-20)

This will result in futility.

B. How does Habakkuk 2 apply to my life?

1. The same sin nature that is in the Babylonians is in <u>us</u>.

Response: Confess my sin of <u>self-righteousness</u> and spiritual pride. (Matthew 23:25-28)

2. God wants to use the bullies in our lives to <u>expose</u> the sin in our hearts.

Response: God, search my heart. (Psalm 139:23-24)

- 3. God wants to use the bullies in our lives to mold us into the image of <u>Jesus</u>.
 - God cares more about our Christ-likeness than our character.

Response: Embrace the challenging situation or person in my life because God wants to use it or them for my good. (Romans 8:28-29)

4. God will not <u>ignore</u> the sin, rebellion, and evil in the world and in our hearts.

Response: Turn from my sin and turn to Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. (John 3:16-18)

Recommended Reading:

A Tale of Three Kings by Gene Edwards