

**When Life Doesn't Make Sense**  
**Where Are You, God? Message Series Week 2**  
**Habakkuk 1:12-2:4**  
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**When life doesn't make sense...**

**1. Be honest with God.** (Habakkuk 1:12-13)

“In his prayer the prophet wrestles with serious theological challenges to his faith. His wrestling is honest, blunt, and raw. Sometimes the strongest and most mature Christians can find themselves wrestling with God just like Habakkuk when it comes to theological mysteries of this magnitude.”

Eric Redmond, Bill Curtis, Ken Fentress, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2016, p. 193.

“Habakkuk was a man who sought answers. Troubled by what he observed, he asked difficult questions. These questions were not merely intellectual exercises or bitter complaints, Habakkuk saw a dying world, and it broke his heart. Why is there evil in the world? Why do the wicked seem to be winning? He boldly and confidently took his complaints directly to God. And God answered...with an avalanche of proof and prediction.”

*Life Application Study Bible*, Tyndale House and Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 1991, p. 1587.

**2. Trust that God is working out His plan.** (Habakkuk 1:12, 2:3; Psalm 33:10-11; Job 42:2; Isaiah 55:8-9)

**3. Wait on God's timing.** (Habakkuk 2:1-3; Psalm 37:7)

“Habakkuk, like all of us, was living ‘between the times,’ between the promise and the fulfillment.”

Kenneth Barker, Waylon Bailey, *The New American Commentary: Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 1998, p. 323.

**4. Live by faith—be faithful.** (Habakkuk 2:4; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 37:1-3; 1 Peter 4:19)

“Modern society seems even more complex and confusing than Habakkuk's. In this modern age God is faithful to his people. He remains the Lord of history, working to bring all people to him in faith and obedience. His working in history may appear as mysterious and inconsistent to us as it did to Habakkuk. The answer is not in rejecting God or in disconnecting him from our history. The answer is in waiting for his timing to bring about his purposes. Such waiting calls for faithfulness in having faith.”

Kenneth Barker, Waylon Bailey, *The New American Commentary: Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 1998, p. 328.

**Recommended Reading:**

- *When God Doesn't Make Sense* by Dr. James Dobson
- *A Path Through Suffering* by Elisabeth Elliot
- *Disappointment With God: Three Questions No One Asks Aloud* by Philip Yancey
- *Where is God When it Hurts* by Philip Yancey