



Week #1: Wrestling With God

- Why doesn't God seem _____ ?

*How long, 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 wrongdoing? ...*

Habakkuk 1:2-3 (NIV)

Habakkuk: to _____ or to _____.

*Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.
Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails ...*

Habakkuk 1:3-4 (NIV)

- **Habakkuk's Problems With God**

- 1) You don't seem to really _____.
- 2) You aren't doing much when you _____.
- 3) What you are doing doesn't seem _____.

God's Response

*"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 (NIV)

*"I am raising up the Babylonians,
that ruthless and impetuous people,
who sweep across the whole earth
to seize dwellings not their own.
They are a feared and dreaded people ...
they all come intent on violence ..."*

Habakkuk 1:6-7, 9 (NIV)

- **A committed believer can both _____ with honest questions and _____ a genuine faith in God.**

*LORD, are you not from everlasting?
My God, my Holy One, you will never die.
You, LORD, have appointed them to execute judgment;
you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.
Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;
you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.
Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?
Why are you silent while the wicked
swallow up those more righteous than themselves?*

Habakkuk 1:12-13 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you found yourself wrestling with God.
2. During a time that was (or is) difficult, how did you (or do you) continue to embrace God in the middle of the trial?
3. Who do you have around you to pray with you and support you? How can they be praying for you right now? Who can you be supporting and praying for right now that might be in a valley?

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Habakkuk: to EMBRACE or to WRESTLE.

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- **Habakkuk's Problems With God**
 - 1) You don't seem to really **CARE**.
 - 2) You aren't doing much when you **COULD**.
 - 3) What you are doing doesn't seem **FAIR**.

God's Response

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