

## WHERE ARE YOU, GOD? HABAKKUK'S DRIVING QUESTION

- WHY DOESN'T **GOD** SEEM FAIR?

*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*

- Habakkuk means to "**embrace**" or to "**wrestle.**"

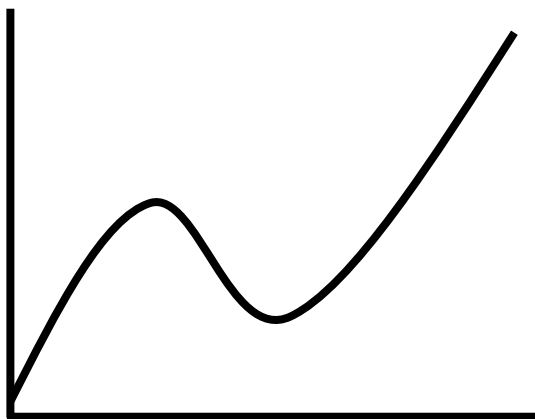
*The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received. (1)*

**massa'** (mas-saw'); an utterance, a doom, a **burden**.

*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. (3-5)*

## HABAKKUK'S PROBLEMS WITH GOD

- 1) YOU DON'T SEEM TO **CARE**.
- 2) YOU AREN'T DOING MUCH WHEN YOU **COULD**.
- 3) WHAT YOU ARE DOING DOESN'T SEEM **FAIR**.



**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*

**utterly amazed: *tamahh* (taw-mah'); a sudden alarming amazement, to be astonished, to marvel.**

*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

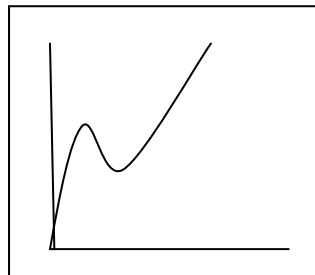
**A DEEPLY COMMITTED BELIEVER**

- **CAN EXPRESS SIMULTANEOUS QUESTIONS AND FAITH.**

*O LORD, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, we will not die. O LORD, you have appointed them to execute judgment; O Rock, you have ordained them to punish. Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? Habakkuk 1:12-14*

## Table Discussion Questions

- If God would answer one question what would you ask Him?
  
- Henry Blackaby wrote about what he called a “crisis of belief.” Describe a time when, like Habakkuk, you experienced a crisis of belief.



- Look at the chart in your talk notes.  
Where would you say you are with God?  
What is God teaching you?