

# GOD’S RESPONSE TO “WHY?”

Habakkuk 1.1-13 // August 14, 2022

## FAITH FROM SIGHT

Habakkuk was a prophet who grieved the sinfulness of his people. He asked God “why” He seemed to look idly on and not care. God responded by sending a wicked nation to punish the sinfulness of Israel, which Habakkuk doubled down and again, more defiantly, questioned with “WHY?!” In His response, God agrees with Habakkuk’s assessment of Babylon’s wickedness, but follow up with, “but the righteous shall live by faith.”

Christians don’t say,

“I don’t understand you *at all*, but I trust You anyway.”

We say, “I don’t understand you *in this situation*,  
but I *understand* why I trust You anyway.

Therefore I can trust that *You* understand even when I don’t.”

-Os Guinness

2 Corinthians 4.16-18, 5.4-9

Give heed, and you will at once perceive that ignorance of  
providence is the greatest of all miseries,  
and the knowledge of it is the highest happiness.

-John Calvin

## GRIEVING GOD

One thing that happens in our times of trial and suffering is that we unknowingly grieve the loss of God; that is, the loss of who we *thought* God was. Both angels and psalmists have wrestled with losing their previously held view of God, and it is important for us to do so in order that we find a deeper, fuller view of God.

1 Peter 1.12 // Psalm 13.1 // Psalm 22.1, 2

Whoever or whatever you think God is right now,  
He is better than that.

## THE CROSS, OUR TUTOR

God uses suffering as a tutor in our life to grow us and transform us and help us see more clearly the greatness of God. Not only that, but He gives us the *greatest* tutor in the cross of Christ. In the cross, we see that God brought the *greatest triumph and victory* to ever be known in the history of the world out of the *worst* and *most atrocious abomination* that ever occurred in the history of the world.

Hebrews 5.8 // 1 Peter 4.12-13, 19 // James 1.2-5 // Philippians 13-17

The evil that hurts us now  
will be the eventual servant of our joy and glory eternally.

-Tim Keller

## NOTES:

### This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Habakkuk 1.1-13**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does the cross of Christ give us a better perspective and understanding of suffering in our lives? How does God's response of "the righteous shall live by faith" bring both comfort and challenge to you in either current or past sufferings you have?

### Your Life Mission

God will use all of your trials and hardships for His glory in and through you. What trials have you seen Him use already, and which are you hoping to see Him use? Are there any relationships or conversations that are upcoming that you would need prayer for as it pertains to God using you and your circumstances to be a gift to others?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
  - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
  - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
  - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
  - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



## MOURNING to DANCING

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