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Is God Silent? – Habakkuk 1-2

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Ask: Make a list of some situations happening in the world or in your life that makes it appear God is not in control?

Read Habakkuk 1:1-4

These verses present a time when Habakkuk saw violence, crime, and wickedness all around him. This look at culture caused him to ask “God where are you?” He wondered how a Holy God could allow all that sin to continue and not intervene.

Read Habakkuk 1:5-11

Ask: What are some words that God uses to describe the Chaldeans?

God’s answer to Habakkuk was that He was making a wicked nation strong in order that He might use that wicked nation to punish His children. Habakkuk could not believe that God was going to use the Chaldeans as a punishing rod against the Children of God. But in the reality of it all, Habakkuk rejoiced that God was in control

Read Habakkuk 2:1

Ask: What did Habakkuk decided to do?

He decided that even though things were going to get worse for a while, as long as God was in control, he would listen for His instructions and obey when they came.

Read Habakkuk 2:20

Ask: What comfort did Habakkuk take in the midst of troubled times?

He was comforted in knowing that even though times were tough, God was still in absolute control. Habakkuk could not explain why God chose to act in this way. He did what all of us can do. He trusted that God would always do the right thing and that even when it appeared God was silent, He was absolutely in charge.

Ask: What answer does Habakkuk have for us as we look again at the list of situations we made earlier.

Pray for God to help each of you to fully trust Him even when the situations of life make it appear He is not in control. Thank Him for always being in control.