

March 3, 2019
HOPE IN THE DARK—1
WHERE ARE YOU, GOD?

- WHY DOESN'T GOD SEEM _____?

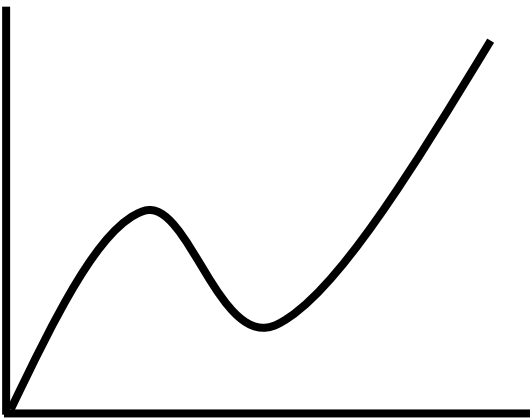
How long, LORD, must I call for help, _____? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" _____? ³ Why do you make me look at injustice? _____? ...
Habakkuk 1:2-3

- *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. ⁴ Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails ...
Habakkuk 1:3-4

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 _____. For I am going to do something in your days that _____, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5

"I am raising up the _____, that _____, who sweep across the whole earth _____. ⁷ They are a _____ ... ⁹ they all come _____..." Habakkuk 1:6-7, 9

- **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. ¹³ 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

“What if honestly acknowledging your doubts is your first step toward building a deeper faith? What if embracing your secret questions opens the door for a maturing knowledge of God’s character? What if drawing closer to God, developing genuine intimacy with him, requires you to bear something that feels unbearable? To hear him through an ominous utterance, to trust him in the moment of doom, to embrace his strength when you’re weak with a burden? What if it takes real pain to experience deep and abiding hope?” From *Hope in the Dark*

This week at your church:

Tonight: Discipleship at 5pm

6:30pm – Special Speaker – Carrie Hammye

Tuesday – Prayer - 6pm

Wednesday – 6:30 pm Adult Bible study, Youth and Children

Friday – Men’s Ministry @ Callen4yourdoors - 9 am

Next Sunday : March 10

9:30 – Sunday school

10:30 – Am Service, Kid’s Church , Nursey

4 pm Depart for Prayer Summit

5:30 pm Prayer Summit in Paola