

Why Does God Seem Unfair? | Week 1 - God is Faithful Through The Struggle

Big Idea

When life is unfair, complain and lament, but hold on to God.

Scripture

Habakkuk 1:1-4, Habakkuk 1:5-7, Habakkuk 1:12-13, and Matthew 27:46

Points to Keep In Mind

1. In Habakkuk 1:5-7, God is saying that Israel will be overtaken by the evil empire of Babylon, who were renowned for both their military might and cruelty. I'm sure this is not how Habakkuk hoped God would respond. However, God's plans and ways sometimes differ from ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). In this case, God would use Babylon to help Israel find their way back to Him. This had to make Habakkuk's head spin! When it seems like everything is going wrong, and rather than God stepping in and setting things right - more bad stuff will happen!?! These moments can rattle our faith. Habakkuk finds himself in one of these moments. But rather than push the "I'M OUT" button, he continues the conversation with God.
2. God's holiness is reflected in His goodness. Genesis 1 shows that God is the creator of everything good. His original plan never included sin or death. However, God gave all creatures freedom of choice. Satan was the first created being to rebel against God (Isaiah 14:12-15). Satan was the first to commit an evil act, making him the actual author of all evil in this world.
3. In Matthew 27:46, Jesus was not questioning God, but he was quoting the first line of Psalm 22, which was a deep lament. Jesus took on the sins of the world on the cross, causing him to be separated from God his Father. What Jesus endured physically was hard enough, but add the spiritual separation from his Father, and it's almost unbearable. Jesus suffered on the cross and lamented in this way so that we never have to experience eternal separation from God. Jesus knows what it is like to suffer. And what does he do in the middle of it? He does what Habakkuk did. Jesus is doing what he wants you and me to do. Be honest with God, hold onto God, and never let Him go.

Additional Questions and Resources

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1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
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