

Habakkuk 1:1-4 – The First Complaint

Objective: To come to God boldly through prayer

- If you could talk with one prominent person, whom would you choose and what would you discuss?
- If you could ask God one question what would you ask?
- How would you describe Habakkuk's mood in this passage? What seems to be his driving passion here? Was his lament just a way of acting out his self-absorbed grumbling?

Read v.2

- Describe a time when you've had similar feelings. In those moments, did you have this kind of frank and raw conversation with God? Why or why not?
- Does God allow these conversations? Or are they showing our doubt to Him?
- Psalm 13:1-4 David seems to have the same problem here

Read v.3

- What do you do when you see some sort of destruction and violence? When you feel surrounded by arguers and fighters? When you see evil in the world?
- Jeremiah 20:7-10, 14-18 – Jeremiah questioning God

Read v.4

- How do you find strength when it seems like being a Christian is a minority?
- Isaiah 59:12-14 - We see injustice and wickedness and evil all around us but have we contributed to that?
- Hebrews 4:16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
- How is this done? How does "wrestling" with God = coming boldly to the throne?
- Phil 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

What I will be talking about

Does injustice ever drive you to your knees? Oracle = burden. Have you ever received a "burden" to do something? Did you wrestle with God about it? Did you pray first then actually did something about it? Blake of Tom's shoes started the company after he took a trip to Argentina. While there he had a burden for the kids because they had no shoes to protect their feet. So he came back to America and went about his normal business like going to school and going to his job. No, his burden was his passion. He did something about it. He created a company that has passed out 140,000 shoes.