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The Point: When We're Wounded, We Need to Hang On

Habakkuk 2:4b

Discussion Generators

- What stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be funny, serious, stupid, or spiritual)

- What is the toughest event that you have ever seen a friend or family member go through? How do you think they felt in the first days/weeks after that happened? How about a year later? How about now? How did they feel towards God during that time or didn't they? Did you try to comfort them ? How if so?

- Read Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:1.** In these verses, Habakkuk complains a second time to God about all that is happening in his world. In spite of Habakkuk's complaint he never loses sight of God's greatness and His character. How would you describe God in a way that would define trusting in His character?

- Can faith in God's character be enough to keep us going when things are bad? Why or why not? If one doesn't currently feel that they have that kind of faith, can they get to that point? How if so?

- With Habakkuk's complaint to God we were hearing the perspective of Habakkuk on what was happening in his life that was distressing him. When God begins to reply in chapter two verse two, we begin to hear God's perspective. Do you think our perspective can sometimes make things worse or even make tough times harder? Why or why not?

- In God's reply to Habakkuk starting in 2:2, He begins to tell Habakkuk that there is a bigger picture that is happening that Habakkuk can't see. Have you or someone you know ever been through tough times that years down the road you looked back and realized why that may have happened? Please share if you can.

- In verses four and five God says,

“Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. **But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.** Wealth is treacherous, and the arrogant are never at rest. They open their mouths as wide as the grave, and like death, they are never satisfied. In their greed they have gathered up many nations and swallowed many peoples.”

In relation to what God says here, how should we strive to live our lives? What do you think that looks like? Do you think that living life in such a way would eliminate pain in life? (**leader's the answer is no**) Do you think it would impact our perspective when it comes to hurt, pain, and suffering? How if so?

- Close the evening asking how you can pray for one another.

Thinking Outside the Box

Don't forget to provide me with a detailed description of your stereogram by Saturday morning via Facebook message. Get everyone involved. Who knows what another person may see in the picture opposed to you. Have fun with it too!

Habakkuk 1:12-2:5 (NIV)

Habakkuk's Second Complaint

O Lord my God, my Holy One, you who are eternal— surely you do not plan to wipe us out? O Lord, our Rock, you have sent these Babylonians to correct us, to punish us for our many sins. But you are pure and cannot stand the sight of evil. Will you wink at their treachery? Should you be silent while the wicked swallow up people more righteous than they? Are we only fish to be caught and killed? Are we only sea creatures that have no leader? Must we be strung up on their hooks and caught in their nets while they rejoice and celebrate? Then they will worship their nets and burn incense in front of them. “These nets are the gods who have made us rich!” they will claim. Will you let them get away with this forever? Will they succeed forever in their heartless conquests? I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guard post. There I will wait to see what the Lord says and how he will answer my complaint.

God's Reply

Then the Lord said to me, “Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed. “Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God. Wealth is treacherous, and the arrogant are never at rest. They open their mouths as wide as the grave, and like death, they are never satisfied. In their greed they have gathered up many nations and swallowed many peoples.