

## WRESTLING WITH GOD'S METHODS

### HABAKKUK 1:12-17

4-14-24

#### I. HABAKKUK TRUSTS GOD

*Habakkuk 1:12 - "Are you not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof."*

##### A. God is everlasting/eternal

##### B. God is "Yahweh" – Covenant God

1. Confidently declares, "We will not die"
2. If they die, God failed to keep His covenant
3. If God fails, He is not God

##### C. God is big and strong

1. In God's skilled hands Babylon is just a tool

#### II. HABAKKUK WRESTLES WITH GOD'S METHODS

*Habakkuk 1:13-17 - "You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he? You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler. He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net; he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad. Therefore, he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich. Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing nations forever?"*

##### A. Question - Why evil Babylon?

1. They exploit people
2. They have no concept of God
3. Our wrestling must bring us back to TRUST

##### B. The unpredictability of God

1. A predictable god operates according to our understanding
2. Our unpredictable God sees what we can't, and does what we can't do

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you about the message this week? What challenged your thinking?
2. Habakkuk placed his faith in who God was in the midst of wrestling. What are some of God's attributes that we can trust in? What are some of God's promises to us in scripture that we can trust in?
3. Have you ever found yourself in Habakkuk's shoes, wrestling with why God is doing something you don't understand?
4. What should we do when God gives us an answer we do not like?
5. What are some ways that we can increase our dependency and trust in God? How can we help others do that? Why is this a valuable thing for Christians to do?
6. Why do we desire to have a God we can comprehend? How can this be a dangerous thing?
7. How can the unpredictability of God be a beautiful thing? How can it bring us to deeper worship of God?

## **PRAYER SPOTLIGHT**

- Pray for our Youth Group here at MCC
  - Pray for them to build a strong biblical foundation under Pastor Matt's teaching
  - Pray that they would grow in their knowledge of Christ and impact the people around them
  - Pray that they would wisely and biblically navigate this world
- Pray for Pastor Matt, Rebecca, and the girls
- Pray for the Youth Leaders: John and Sherry Dumbeck, Jon and Katie Gibbs, Jason Sanford, Chris Falzone