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Habakkuk 1:2 (a)

"How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?"

**Psalm 10:1** 

"Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?"



## The complaint

- Frustration & confusion;
- Putting his case before God;
- Honest;



1. "Its is ok to ask the question!"



Habakkuk 1:5

<sup>5</sup>Look among the nations and watch – Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, Though it were told you.



The (unexpected) answer

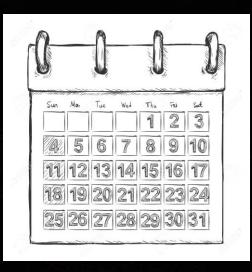
- Look, I am already at work;
- Using those whom we least expect;
  - 2. "Be prepared for the 'unexpected' answer"

Habakkuk 2: 1

"I will stand at my watch and set myself on the rampart;

And watch to see what he will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected"

## God's timing



- You may have to wait for the answer;
- The just shall live by faith (v4);

3. "Be prepared to wait & watch (faith)"

"How long will you waver between tw "This day I earth as whim" Is God, follow him; by have set follow him" (1 Kings 18:21) "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who 53 rable to you, enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way that you and your children may hom you will is hard that leads to life, and those who find (choose) it (Deuteronomy 30:19). served 17:13-141. Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). are few" (Matthew 7:13-14).

Habakkuk 3: 17 - 19

<sup>17</sup>Though the fig tree may not blossom Nor fruit be on the vines, though the labour of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls -

Habakkuk 3: 17 - 19

18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
19 The Lord God is my strength;
he will make my feet like deer's feet,
And he will make me walk on my high hills.

For the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments.



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## Choices!

- You have daily choices to make;
- They do not just happen you will have to make them

4. Choose this day — "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord!"



You'll never know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.

And when Jesus is all you have, then and only then will you discover that Jesus is all you need.