

BEYOND SUNDAY: January 10, 2021



SERIES OVERVIEW: wearepcc.com/Habakkuk

MESSAGE: Wrestling with God in Troubled Times

Trust the Lord, no matter what. Easier said than done...especially after living through 2020! Habakkuk's message for God's people around the world today is that followers of Jesus can, and must, trust in God no matter how tumultuous circumstances may become. However, trusting God is an ongoing process that involves wrestling, waiting, and worshipping Him. This week we focus on what it means to wrestle with God.

#1

Some have called 2020 the worst year ever. Was it for you? Why or why not?

#2

Reflect on Habakkuk's opening complaint in [Habakkuk 1:2-4](#). Note all the "why" questions. What is Habakkuk complaining about? How can you relate to these complaints? When have you felt like Habakkuk?

#3

Do you complain to God or do you hold back? Explain why or why not. Where else in the Bible are you aware of people complaining or wrestling with God? (e.g., [Exodus 16:1-3](#), [Psalm 13:1](#), [Matthew 27:46](#), [John 6:61](#)). Which ones seem wrong to you and which ones seem justified?

#4

Gary Gaddini, our Lead Pastor and Sunday speaker, summarized Habakkuk's opening thoughts into three major complaints (see below). Which of these have you felt in the past? How have you worked through it or are you still wrestling?

- a. *God, You don't seem to care.*
- b. *God, You aren't doing much when You could.*
- c. *God, what You are doing doesn't seem fair.*

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#5

Reflect on the Lord's answer to Habakkuk in [verses 1:5-11](#). What are your thoughts on God's plan? What other declared plans of God in the Bible are you aware of that you have wrestled with (e.g., flooding the earth, other countries being wiped out in war, Jesus having to die, etc.)?

#6

Habakkuk ends Chapter 1 with a second complaint [verses 1:12-17](#). In these passages, identify the faith and doubt in God's words. Now, clarify 3 reasons you truly believe in God and 3 ways you truly doubt God.

Note: Like Habakkuk, deeply committed believers, at the same moment, can believe God, honor God, and yet still wrestle with and have questions.

Other Resources:

- [Watch a video](#) overview of Habakkuk
- Need support - Get a [coach, counselor or peer](#) to walk with you
- Need a plan - [Bible reading plans](#) on YouVersion for each day
- Need a group to grow - Check out all the [Winter Experiences 2021](#)