

# Making Life Work When the Answers Don't Fit, Insights from Habakkuk

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Introduction: Habakkuk begins with the anguished cry of a person who sees suffering and oppression all around and cannot reconcile this with what he has been taught about God's power and care.

## 1. The inactivity of God

### **Habakkuk 1:2-4 NIV**

How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Three types of suffering: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2. It is all about timing

### **Habakkuk 2:2-3 NIV**

Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it. It will certainly come and will not delay.

The lament of the hurt is a form of \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Living well in the midst of pain

#### **Habakkuk 3:17-18 NIV**

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop falls and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Response:

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