

## A Cry for Help

### Setting the Scene

- Habakkuk is a prophet talking directly to God. He loves the law, righteousness, and God's people.
- Habakkuk privately wrestles with the Lord, and he models for us honest doubting.
- At the time Habakkuk is speaking to the Lord, Israel is split into two kingdoms and Judah, the southern kingdom, is in disrepair morally and spiritually.

### Habakkuk's Cry

1:1–4

- Habakkuk cries out to God because of the wickedness he sees in Judah.
- Habakkuk wants to see the Lord protect and restore Judah.

### The Lord's Response

1:5–11

- The Lord not only sees the injustice in Judah; He is raising up the Chaldeans, also called Babylonians, to bring judgment on His people.
- Even though the Chaldeans are evil, the Lord promises to do an unbelievable work in Judah *through* the Chaldeans.

### Habakkuk's Protest

1:12–2:1

- Habakkuk is perplexed with the answer God gives and struggles to understand that God could be good and allow the evil Chaldeans to capture His beloved people.
- Habakkuk remembers God's holiness and character.
- Instead of turning from God, Habakkuk goes to God with his concerns and questions.

*Cry out \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.*

*\_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord's response.*

*Bring your worries, doubts, fears, and questions to God,  
trusting that \_\_\_\_\_ is too big or hard for Him.*