

# Why This Way?

Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:1 / October 27, 2024

## 3 statements that just don't add up for Habakkuk:

### 1. God, you are completely \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>12</sup>*Lord, are you not from everlasting?*

*My God, my Holy One, you will never die.*

*You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment;*

*you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.*

### 2. God, you are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>13</sup>*Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;*

*you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.*

*Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?*

*Why are you silent while the wicked*

*swallow up those more righteous than themselves?*

### 3. God, you allow the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>14</sup>*You have made people like the fish in the sea,*

*like the sea creatures that have no ruler.*

<sup>15</sup>*The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks,*

*he catches them in his net,*

*he gathers them up in his dragnet;*

*and so he rejoices and is glad.*

<sup>16</sup>*Therefore he sacrifices to his net*

*and burns incense to his dragnet,*

*for by his net he lives in luxury*

*and enjoys the choicest food.*

<sup>17</sup>*Is he to keep on emptying his net,*

*destroying nations without mercy?*

## Habakkuk's response of faith: I will \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>*I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts;*

*I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am*

*to give to this complaint.*

## Major Lesson: When God's ways just don't add up, wait on God as you trust in his higher ways.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6*

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9*

How are you leaning on your own understanding right now?

What step can you take to trust in God's higher ways?

## Higher Ways, by Steven Curtis Chapman

If I could only fly, I'd go up and look down from the sky

So I could see the bigger picture

And Lord if I could sit with you at your feet for an hour or two

I'm sure I'd ask too many questions

'Cause there's so much going on down here

That I must confess I just don't understand

But I have prayed and at your feet my whole life has been laid

So I won't worry, I won't be afraid

'Cause my soul is resting on your higher ways

So let the road ahead become unclear

Oh I am yours so what have I to fear

If my soul is resting on your higher ways

Your higher ways teach me to trust you

Your higher ways are not like mine

Your higher ways are the ways of a Father

Hiding his children in his love

Someday I will fly and maybe then you will take me aside

And show me the bigger picture

But until I'm with you I'll be here with a heart that is true

And a soul that's resting on... your higher ways