



PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
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Lecture Notes
Minor Prophets Lesson 10
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God with us in our Suffering

“How long, Lord, must I call for help and you do not listen...” Habakkuk 1:2a

1. Who do you go to with your questions?

When the wheels fall off... To _____ do _____?

Who do you call on for help?

- That’s where Habakkuk begins in chapter 1- God, why don’t you do something?*
- “We reach places where it’s painfully clear that our sense of _____ - _____ must be different than God’s. - Jon Bloom*
- This prophecy is different because he’s not addressing it to the nation but to God.*
- Every piece the prophet presented to God of injustice, violence and wrongdoing was an opportunity for the prophet to grow in his _____ of God.*
- Notice how God is with him _____ the suffering.*
- Perhaps there wouldn’t be an immediate transformation of circumstances, but a revelation of God’s character.*
- READ Habakkuk 3:2 “The prophet knew God’s power from the past and he counted on it for the future.” - John Piper*

2. We are a _____ people

A. We must wait for the Lord READ Psalm 25: 3

B. Author Philip Yancey says, “I have learned that faith means _____ in _____ what will only make sense in _____.”

C. Each one of you is “a piece of art, designed to be beautiful and thus draw attention to your _____.” - Dane Ortlund

D. Train illustration

3. Only the Lord could carry me through

“When you go through terrible suffering Jesus is still with you.” - Corrie Ten Boom
You Tube – search: “Corrie Ten Boom interview 1974” (7 minute clip)

*“When you pass through the waters, **I will be with you**; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.” Isaiah 43: 2-3 (emphasis added)*

- God may not answer us as _____ as we want him to, but he _____ answer when we _____ him to.
- Isaiah 40:29-31 He will bring renewal to your weary heart
- Notice the closing of Habakkuk:
- “I will rejoice _____ the God of my salvation!”
- “The LORD my Lord is my strength.”

This Christmas season I hope you associate Emmanuel (God with us) in our suffering!