

Wisdom Not Worry
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Habakkuk 1:1-4

How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?

A prophet's job is to communicate the Word of God to the people. Habakkuk, however, has something to say to God. He simply has to get it off his chest. He sees violence that God seems to do nothing about. He laments the way "the system" is rigged to protect the powerful and exploit the weak and it's as if God couldn't care less. With more than just a little frustration he bursts, "How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen?"

Do you have some blisteringly honest questions for God? Whether you watch Fox or CNN or something in between, it won't take long to identify with Habakkuk's frustrations: Self-preserving politicians, scandals in the highest offices in the land, laws applying to some but not the privileged, thousands upon thousands dying from the pandemic, tens of thousands more from opioids and abortions. Really God? If You are good You would care enough to respond to our prayers. If You are powerful You would do something to fix all the wrong. If You are just You would never let all this evil go on unpunished!

Are you feeling like Habakkuk yet? Then do what Habakkuk does. Pray. One of the redeeming purposes of God's seeming indifference is to put us on our knees and draw us into honest conversation with Him.

Is there something you need to get off your chest today? Go ahead. He's listening.

Grateful,
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