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**Faith Over Fear #1
 The mystery of God’s ways
 Habakkuk 1:1-11**

“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?” Habakkuk 1:2-3 NIV

‘Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour. The Sovereign Lord is my strength.’ Habakkuk 3:18-19 NIV

UNDERSTANDING HABAKKUK:

1. Understanding the _____.

“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.” Habakkuk 1:2-4 NIV

2. Understanding the _____.

“Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own. They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honour.” Habakkuk 1:5-7 NIV

UNDERSTANDING GOD’S WAYS:

1. God’s ways are _____.

“The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received.” Habakkuk 1:1 NIV

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“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4 NIV

2. God’s ways are _____.

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“They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honour. Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like a vulture swooping to devour; they all come bent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand. They deride kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; they build earthen ramps and capture them. Then they sweep past like the wind and go on— guilty men, whose own strength is their god.” Habakkuk 1:7-11 NIV

3. God’s ways are always _____.

“I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own.” Habakkuk 1:6 NIV

“There is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” Romans 13:1 NIV

“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” Mark 9:24 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. If you could ask God one question and you knew He would answer, what would you ask Him?
2. Describe a time when, like Habakkuk, you experienced a crisis of belief.
3. Read Habakkuk 1:2-4. Habakkuk’s name means wrestle. Describe a time when you found yourself wrestling with God.
4. How do you think questioning God can become a strengthening moment for your faith?
5. How would you explain that sometimes God’s ways are mysterious to:
 - a struggling Christian
 - a person seeking
 - an atheist.
6. Read Habakkuk 1:5. How do you react when God answers your prayer, but not in the way you expected? Do you have some sympathies with Habakkuk who struggled to understand what God was doing?
7. Read Mark 9:24. During a time that was (or is) difficult, how did you (or do you) continue to embrace God in the middle of the trial?

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