

## Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



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## Faith Over Fear #3 How to face an unexpected problem Habakkuk 1:12-17

*“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*

### THE RIGHT METHOD IN APPROACHING A PROBLEM:

#### 1. Stop to \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” James 1:19 NIV*

#### 2. Reaffirm basic \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 3. Apply the principles to the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4. Commit the problem to God in \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?” Habakkuk 1:13 NIV*

*“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?” Habakkuk 1:2 NIV*

*“O Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, we will not die. O Lord, you have appointed them to execute judgment; O Rock, you have ordained them to punish.” Habakkuk 1:12 NIV*

### WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GOD IN APPROACHING A PROBLEM:

#### 1. I know God is \_\_\_\_\_.

*“O Lord, are you not from everlasting?” Habakkuk 1:12 NIV*

#### 2. I know God is \_\_\_\_\_.

“O Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God” Habakkuk 1:12 NIV

### 3. I know God is \_\_\_\_\_.

“O Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One.” Habakkuk 1:12 NIV

“God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5 NIV

### 4. I know God is \_\_\_\_\_.

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## STANDING ON SOLID GROUND IN APPROACHING A PROBLEM:

### 1. I acknowledge that a holy God hates \_\_\_\_\_ and can do no \_\_\_\_\_.

“Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?” Habakkuk 1:13 NIV

“You have made men like fish in the sea, like sea creatures that have no ruler. The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks, he catches them in his net, he gathers them up in his drag-net; and so he rejoices and is glad. Therefore he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his drag-net, for by his net he lives in luxury and enjoys the choicest food. Is he to keep on emptying his net, destroying nations without mercy?” Habakkuk 1:14-16 NIV

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### 2. I commit the unsolved \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Matthew 26:39 NIV



1. How would you describe Habakkuk’s attitude in chapter one?
2. What is the core problem he is asking God about? Is Habakkuk being prideful to talk to God like this? Should he remain quiet rather than testing God? Why or why not?
3. When you have doubts or confusion about your experiences or things you witness, how should you deal with it before God?
4. Read Habakkuk 1:12 and review the 5 points under What we know about God in approaching a problem. What point particularly resonated with you? Why?
5. See Habakkuk 1:12. What does it mean to consider God as your Rock? When have you ever thought of Him as this?
6. Habakkuk asks the question “why” three times in this chapter one. Habakkuk’s difficulty with this is similar to a modern-day argument against God. The argument goes like this:
  - A. If God is all good, He would want to end sin and suffering.
  - B. If God is all powerful, He could end sin and suffering.
  - C. Sin and suffering still exist, so either God is not all good or He is not all-powerful. How would you answer this argument and questions?
7. When we don’t understand “why?” things have entered our life why must we return to what we know to be true about “who” God is?



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