

Getting Started

What is something in the world that just doesn't make sense to you, that makes you ask, "Why does God allow that?"

Into the Bible

Read Psalm 73 and answer these questions:

Why had the psalmist's feet almost slipped (vv. 2-3)?

What does the psalmist think about 'the wicked' (vv. 4-12)?

How does the psalmist feel about that (vv. 13-16)?

What brought him out of his funk (v. 17)?

What does his time in the Lord's presence remind him of about the fate of the wicked (vv. 18-19)?

What comfort does he finally have (vv. 23-26)?

Next open your Bible to Habakkuk and answer these questions:

What is Habakkuk's complaint (1:2-4)?

What's the Lord going to do about it (1:6)?

How does Habakkuk feel about that (1:12-13)?

What's the Lord's response (2:8)?

What is Habakkuk supposed to do in the meantime (2:3; 3:1)?

Digging Deeper

The psalmist's problem is that he sees the wicked prosper and wonders why he bothers to follow the Lord? Describe a time when you've struggled with those kinds of thoughts. What can you learn from the psalmist's answer?

Habakkuk's problem is that he can't see how the Lord is bringing about the results He desires. Describe a situation that similarly confuses you. What can you learn about dealing with that frustration from Habakkuk?