

SERMON NOTES

Title | An Astounding Work Series | God, You Confuse Me Text | Habakkuk 1:1-11 By | Bob Kerrey Date | October 15, 2017

Habakkuk 1:1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? 3 Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me: strife and contention arise. 4 So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. 5 "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. 6 For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. 7 They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. 8 Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. **9** They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand. **10** At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth and take it. **11** Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!" ESV

BIG IDEA:

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FOR REFLECTION & APPLICATION:

Monday:

• Has God confused you? In what ways? If you're confused right now, take a moment to express your confusion directly to God.

Tuesday:

• Read Habakkuk 1:1-4. List all the things God does or does not seem to be doing that bother the prophet Habakkuk. To what extent have similar things been bothersome to you? To the extent that you're bothered, tell God about it.

Wednesday:

• Read Habakkuk 1:5-6. List all the things you can say about God based on his response to Habakkuk.

Thursday:

• Read Habakkuk 1:5-11. Why do you think God gives a description of how bad the Chaldeans or Babylonians are?

Friday:

• Based on the questions raised in Habakkuk 1:1-4, and God's answer in Habakkuk 1:5-11, what do you think is the main idea God is trying to convey? How can you apply this to your life?

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