



### **Sermon Discussion:**

Take a few minutes to talk about today's lesson over the phone with a friend or among your family...

1. What is the initial complaint that Habakkuk brings to God? Is the problem primarily physical or spiritual?
2. The prophet Habbakuk addresses God twice in the book. Each time, Habbakuk waits for an answer, and God provides him with one. What can we learn about Habbakuk and his relationship with God from their exchange? How can this inform our own struggle in prayer to God?
3. In 2:4, God tells Habbakuk, "the righteous shall live by his faith". This phrase is cited many times in the New Testament (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). Consider Hebrews 10:38, which is followed by a list of the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. How does endurance play a role in the faith of the righteous man?
4. The people of Judah lived in an agrarian society, so the depiction of a destroyed land in which there would have been neither fruit nor flocks (3:18) would have been frightening to Habbakuk. What is Habbakuk's reaction to the devastating scene that is described? How does this passage both instruct and comfort you?



For the earth  
will be filled  
with the  
knowledge of  
the glory of  
the LORD as  
the waters  
cover the sea.



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# Habakkuk

2:1-4

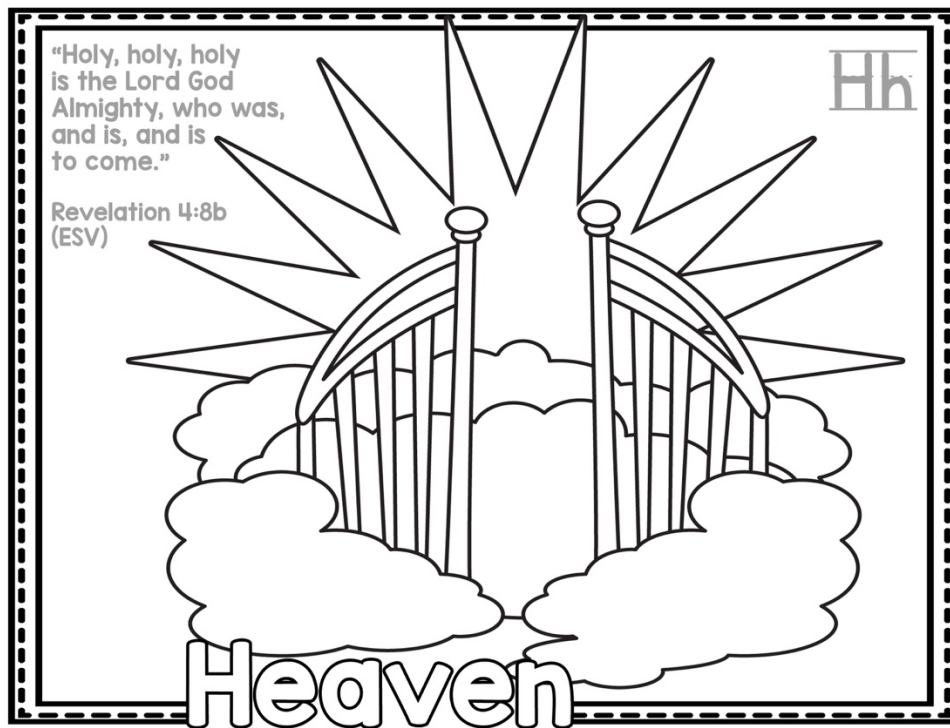


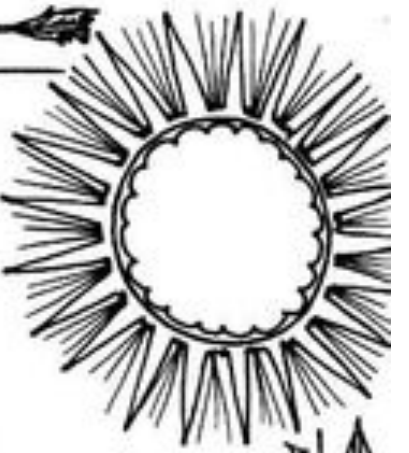
## Complete The Bible Verses...

“For behold, I am raising up the \_\_\_\_\_,  
That fierce and impetuous people Who march throughout the  
earth To seize dwelling places which are not theirs.” (1:6)



“But the Lord is in His \_\_\_\_\_.  
Let all the earth be silent before Him.” (2:20)





AT THE FLASH OF YOUR SPEEDING ARROWS THE SUN AND MOON STAND STILL



# HABAKKUK



*...the maker me sure-footed as a deer...*

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## Habakkuk, Prophet to Judah

Habakkuk 1–3

“How long, O Lord?” Habakkuk (huh BAK kuk) prayed. “How long will I cry to You for help and You do not hear me?” Habakkuk had told God about all the violence that was happening in Judah, but nothing seemed to change. Was God even listening? “Why do You let bad things happen? People are fighting and stealing. The bad guys always win,” Habakkuk said. It wasn’t supposed to be this way.

God was listening. He heard Habakkuk’s prayers, and He knew what was happening. God answered, “Look around you. Watch! I am doing something amazing, something you wouldn’t believe if I told you.” Then God told Habakkuk what was going to happen. God was raising up enemies—the mighty Babylonians. No one could stand in their way. Their army would be strong and fast, like hungry eagles that swoop from the sky to catch little mice in a field. The Babylonians were going to come and take God’s people captive. God’s people would be prisoners!

Would this really happen? God’s people would be punished for their sin—and Habakkuk wanted the evil in Judah to stop—but the people of Babylon were evil, too. In fact, they were even more evil than the people of Judah! “Why do it this way, Lord?” Habakkuk asked. Then he waited. He stood and watched, waiting for God to answer his question. God answered, “Write down what I show you. I’m going to show you what will happen in the future. I promise it will happen. Be patient and wait for it. If you are righteous, you will live by faith.” “It may seem like evil people are winning now, but they won’t win in the end,” God said. “They can build strong buildings, but I can send fire to destroy them. They worship idols, but can a man-made statue save them? No, it can’t even talk.”

God knows how to deal with evil people like the Babylonians. He promised Habakkuk that the people’s captivity in Babylon wouldn’t last forever. God was going to bring His people back to their land. Habakkuk prayed. He asked God for revival. People had forgotten about God. They didn’t care about sin. They didn’t pray. Habakkuk wanted that to change! He wanted people to wake up—to love God and hate sin. “You have done so many amazing, powerful things in the past. Please do it again so everyone will know You. I know we don’t deserve anything good, but be merciful to us,” Habakkuk said.

Habakkuk began to praise God for His power. He knew who God is and what He had done. God had saved His people in the past, and Habakkuk was confident that God would do all He said He would do. Yes, the Babylonians were going to come. Life for the people in Judah would be very hard for awhile. But Habakkuk had faith, and he would wait for God to keep His promise—for the day to come when God would rescue His people from the Babylonians. Finally Habakkuk said, “Even if the trees and vines do not produce fruit, even if nothing grows in the fields, and even if there are no sheep in the pens and no cattle in the barns, I will be glad because of the Lord. I will rejoice in God who saves.”

Christ Connection: Habakkuk lived at a time when evil seemed to be everywhere. By faith, he trusted God’s promise that God would deliver His people. Injustice, violence, and wickedness surround us today, but we can live by faith and trust that Jesus will return to make all things right.

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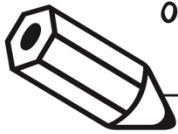
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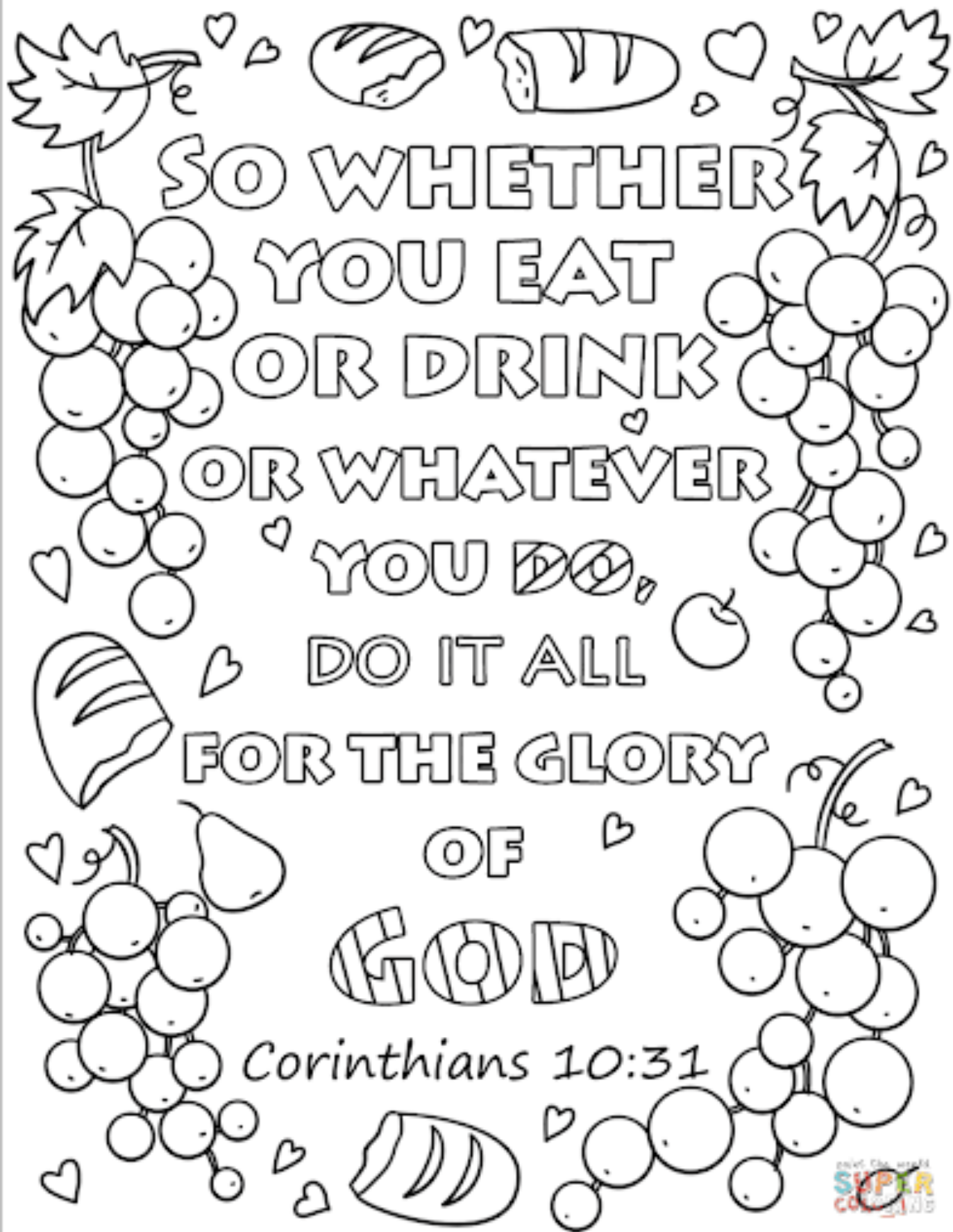
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**A good Samaritan helped a man who was hurt.**





SO WHETHER  
YOU EAT  
OR DRINK  
OR WHATEVER  
YOU DO,  
DO IT ALL  
FOR THE GLORY  
OF  
GOD

Corinthians 10:31

Matthew 5:14



A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

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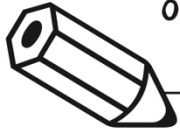
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