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Sermon Title: Habakkuk's Complaint

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Scripture: Habakkuk 2:1b - "I will keep watch to see what He (God) will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved."

1. Strong faith doesn't remove the possibility of complaint; it often increases it!
2. Righteous frustration can lead to unrighteous forgetfulness.
3. Prolonged evil doesn't signal God's absence; it signals the absence of repentance.
4. Most complaints against God originate in some critical omission.
5. God's delays are often an expression of His mercy.
6. God's most powerful response to evil is His Word! (Hebrews 4:12, Luke 16:31)
7. God's answer to our complaint may in fact increase our complaint.
8. Judgment and grace aren't contradictory; they complement one another.
9. God's grace judges sin, and God's judgment points us to His grace.
10. When facing stubborn resistance, God's stubborn love sometimes has to act in ways that appear unloving.
11. We all struggle to understand God's ways and God's heart. But God isn't put-off by our complaints.
12. When we can't understand God's hand we can trust His heart.

Growth Group Questions

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WARM-UP

1. Do you like to watch playoff hockey? Why or why not?
2. How do you tend to feel and respond when people complain to you - or about you?

DISCUSSION

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?
2. Have you recently, or do you often complain to God? If so, do you find it helpful and why?
3. Do you ever struggle to reconcile God's goodness and love with all the known evil in the world? Share an example.

IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss how they relate to today's message.

- **Hebrews 4:12** – In what ways has this verse proved to be true in your own life?
- **Romans 3:23 / Matthew 23:12** – Like Habakkuk, are there things you observe in the culture today that persuade you to believe that other people are less righteous than you? If so, how do these verses address that?
- **Hebrews 12:6 / Revelation 3:19** – God promotes our spiritual health over our comfort. In what ways has the Lord had to discipline you? Were you glad for His discipline?
- **Isaiah 55:8** – In what ways do you need to be reminded of this?

PRACTICE

1. Does it seem like God isn't answering your prayers regarding a difficult circumstance in your life right now? If so, are you willing to circle back like Habakkuk and rejoice in God's sovereignty, and trust Him in spite of your pain and lack of understanding?
2. What did you learn from Habakkuk that you can apply to your life today?

