# When We Don't Understand Why

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## INTRODUCTION

- Asking questions of God is not wrong. Searching to our God, who we have a relationship with in faith is very different from questioning his existence or doubting him or leaving him.
- What do we do when we don't understand why?
- Habakkuk has this question for God, why aren't you judging guilty Judah? God tells him, I am. I'm going to judge them with Babylon.

## 1 God Sees and God Knows All

**Psalm 139:1–6; Psalm 139:11–14**

- God sees and God knows all that is happening.
- We have to remember that God is there. God sees all, and he knows and is in control of all.
- We have to remember what God has shown us in the light for the times that we're in the darkness and can't quite find him.
- O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up.
- We need to know that God knows us, that God cares for us, and that he sees and is in control of all that's happening.

## 2 When I Don't Understand, Turn to God

**Isaiah 55:8–9**

- When I don't understand, I have to be willing to do what? Turn to God. Ask him.
- When we don't do what Habakkuk did, we try to find answers on our own, and the answers are always only found in God.
- As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, says the Lord.
- The answers most commonly are found already in Scripture.
- So we need to search the pages. We need to pray to God.

## 3 God Has a Plan, but I May Not Love It

**Jonah 1:1–3; Romans 5:8**

- Just because God has a plan, and that I can seek his will and find that plan does not mean that I will like it, that I will agree with it.
- What did he do when he didn't like what God said? He literally tried, as verse 3 concludes, to get away from the presence of the Lord.
- If his ways are higher than our ways and his thoughts higher than our thoughts, and God's are here and mine are there, who is wrong?
- It's never going to be God who's wrong.

- Even if we don't understand or love God's plan, we can accept, acknowledge, and practice the idea that God is in control and that he's worth our trust.

## 4 We Have to Literally Wait on the Lord

**Habakkuk 2:2–3; 2 Peter 3; Lamentations 3:22–27**

- For still the vision awaits its appointed time. It hastens to the end. It will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it.
- Our God cannot lie. Our God is faithful. He is just.
- Even if I don't love God's plans, I'm going to submit to it. It might mean that I have to wait.
- I can wait on the Lord because I know his word is true. I know his plan will come into place.
- The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks for Him.

MY NOTES