

Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study

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**“Disappointment”**

#2 in the Series

When God Doesn't: The Book of Habakkuk

**Scripture Texts (NLT)**

Habakkuk 1:5-2:1, Matthew 11:1-6



1. Disappointment is an emotion we all experience and can be defined as the gap between our expectations or hopes and “what is.”
  - Have you experienced a disappointment that taught you something about your hopes and the realities of life? What happened?
2. **Read Habakkuk 1:5-7.**

Habakkuk had complained earlier that God was unresponsive to a state of moral collapse among the Israelites.

  - How do you imagine Habakkuk reacted to God’s explanation of what He intended to do?
  - Have you ever pleaded with God to intervene in a difficult situation and felt greatly disappointed at His response?
3. **Read Habakkuk 1:12-13.**
  - What logic does a shocked Habakkuk incorporate into a second complaint about how God has chosen to respond to the situation with the Israelites?
  - How can disappointment affect us emotionally and physically?
  - How do you respond to the idea that disappointment is a sign that we care rather than that we are demonstrating a weakness of faith?
4. **Read Habakkuk 2:1.**

Habakkuk declares that he will “wait” to see how God will answer his complaint.

  - What is involved in waiting on God?
  - Have you experienced the benefit of waiting on God in spite of your disappointment? What happened?
5. **Read Matthew 11:1-6.**

An imprisoned John the Baptist sent his disciples to question Jesus about his ministry of teaching and healing.

  - What does John’s question suggest about his possible disappointment with Jesus as the Messiah?
  - How had Jesus “failed” in meeting the people’s expectations for who the Messiah would be?
6. How can we pray for you?