A Prophets Perspective on the Dark Place

Theme: Reaching for Grace from a Dark Place

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Scripture: Habakkuk 1:2,2:4 How long, O LORD, will I call for help, And You will not hear? I cry out to You, "Violence!" Yet You do not save... The righteous will live by faith <Context 1:2-2:4>

Connect³
To God
To Each Other
To Community

I. **Introduction**

A. (Image) The Dark Places of the Holidays; A World Wrapped in Red and Green but People are seeing Nothing but Blue

B. Do You Need to Overcome?

C. Texts: Habakkuk 1:2-2:4

II. **Background of Habakkuk**

A. Evil Kings Jehoahaz and Jehoakim 2 Kings 22

B. What do you do...

3. *When prayer is not answered*
4. *When you see unfair pain and suffering*

III. ***In the Dark Place; Cry Out to God (Habakkuk 1:2-4)***

IV. ***In the Dark Place; God May Give You an Answer You don't Like (Habakkuk 1:5-11)***

V. **In the Dark Place; Persevere!**

VI. **Conclusion: Great Injustices Lead to the Greatest Victories**