Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions
Date- Sunday 25th October 2026
Series: Faith In Troubled times pt 1

How Long oh Lord?

How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?

1. **How long must I cry for help?** Hab 1:1-4

2. **Gods' response demonstrates his sovereignty.** Hab 1:5-11

3. **The Prophets' complaint at Gods instrument of justice.**
   Hab 1:12-17

Discussion Starter: Do you think its important for us to express ourselves honestly to God in our prayer lives?

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Hab 1:1-4. What grievance does Habakkuk have against his own people and God himself in these verses?

2. Read Hab 1:5-11. How does the prophet describe Babylon and how are they like many human empires throughout history?

3. Read Hab 1:12-17. What does verse 12 and the first part of 13 reveal to us how the Prophet saw God? How does this collide with Gods purpose of using Babylon in the remaining verses of the chapter according to Habbakkuk?

B. Meditation & application

4. What does the prophets' interactions with God teach us about prayer? How could this shape your prayer life?

5. What do you find surprising about Gods dealings with humans throughout scripture? What does this teach us about our thinking compared to God?

6. Do you find the message of the incarnation and the ministry of Christ a surprising answer to the problem of human sin? Why or why not?

Dear Heavenly Father; We praise you for the fact that you are sovereign over human history. We worship you that although we do not understand all the ways in which you work in our world- we trust that you are bringing about your purpose in the world. We pray then in faith- bring about your Kingdom- put the world to rights. And help us to trust you in the process. In Jesus Name-Amen