

“Minor Prophet Monologues: Habakkuk”

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- What** In this modern-day monologue, a socially aware teenage girl is following Habakkuk on Twitter. She wants to know why God lets bad things happen.
- Themes: Questioning God, Injustice, Truth
- Who** Molly
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** Modern day attire
- Why** Habakkuk 1-3
- How** Habakkuk had some basic questions for God, and unlike the rest of us, he got answers from the LORD. In this monologue, we are introduced to Habakkuk as a popular social media personality who is getting his words out in a modern way.
- Time** Approximately 2 minutes

Molly, a teenage girl with a phone in her hand, enters center stage looking at her PHONE. When she finally speaks, she is inquisitive and articulate.

Molly: *(looking at her phone)* Ugh. Why...? *(she types something)* Sorry. It'll be just a sec. Some people. *(she finishes typing)*

Ugh. Sorry. Can you believe people on Twitter? They say literally the dumbest things. I suppose I could just ignore them, but that's just not me. I stand up for injustice, okay? You have to speak truth to power. You can't just ignore what's going on around you. So, I'm going to speak up. Sorry not sorry.

She realizes she needs to explain.

I'm concerned about a lot of things, okay. I'm sure you are too. Social injustice. Income inequality. The Babylonians.

Beat

Right? I mean, why does God even allow them to exist. Not just exist, but they're getting stronger. Stronger! We're Israel. God's chosen people. Why are the Babylonians getting stronger?

Beat

I was tweeting at this guy Habakkuk. He has a bunch of followers. He was like, "God says He's raising up the Babylonians. They are cruel and violent people. They will march and seize lands not their own."

Aghast

What!?

Beat

You can't just chuck that grenade out into the social fabric and get away with it. So, I called him on it. He DM'd me back and was all "I know! But that's what God says. God is bringing the Babylonians to punish Israel for our sins."

Beat

Yes. All of Israel! Punished by the wicked Babylonians. That. Is. Outrageous!

Beat

So, I had to speak up. God is love, correct? God's eyes are too pure to approve of evil. He can't look on wickedness with favor, right? Why would God be silent when evil people swallow up the more righteous?

She pulls out her phone.

Ooh. That would be a great question for Twitter.

Typing

"Why...does...God...allow...bad...things...to happen...to...good—"

Erasing

Actually, how about "the more righteous?"

Thinking

Yeah. That's a good question. I wonder what Habakkuk would say to that.

Lights out.