Day 35

> *O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. Habakkuk 1:2-3 (ESV)*

Why in the world did God allow such insolence to be recorded in His holy Word? Maybe talking to God this way ISN'T insolence, but honesty. We all need to learn that God's anger is aroused by willful, persistent rebellion, not anguish. Honestly, haven't you been perplexed by God's apparent tolerance for the evil you have seen – and especially the evil you have personally suffered? Haven't you asked God, "WHY?" in anguish about strife and contention, or even violence and destruction, in your family? Even the Apostle Paul was sometimes perplexed (2Cor 4:8). It is good to be totally honest with God, but be prepared for God to be totally honest with you in return. He will comfort you in your anguish, but also reveal any rebellion. Ask God to take them both away.