

**REBUILD**  
**“CHOOSE WISELY!”**  
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**The BIG Idea:**

*Our choices matter! Throughout history, God has chosen to work out His purpose through the faithfulness and obedience of His people.*

**1. Obedience invites God’s Favor and Power in our Lives.**

**Haggai 1:12:** “Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua, son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people OBEYED the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent Him. And the people feared the Lord.”

- ***Our choices matter!***

**Haggai 1:13-14:** “Then Haggai, the LORD’s messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: ‘I am with you,’ declares the LORD. So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God.”

**2. God’s Plans Are Greater Than Our Shattered Expectations.**

**Haggai 2:3:** “Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?”

- ***Comparison steals your joy and your motivation!***

**Haggai 2:4:** “But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the LORD. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the LORD, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

- ***The greatest resource for God's people has never been what they have – it's Who is with them!***

**Haggai 2:6-7:** “This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while, I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea, and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty.”

- ***Some of the most important spiritual work we will ever do is staying faithful when there is no visible progress, trusting that what feels like delay is often preparation.***

**Haggai 2:8-9:** “‘The Silver is mine and the gold is mine’, declares the Lord Almighty. The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house’, says the Lord Almighty. And in this place I will grant peace’, declares the Lord Almighty.”

### **3. Religious Activity is not a Substitute for Spiritual Transformation.**

**Haggai 2:14:** “Then Haggai said, so it is with this people and this nation in my sight.’ declares the Lord. ‘Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled.’”

- ***You can work in God's house without allowing God to work in your heart.***

### **4. Our Outwork Circumstances Often Reflect Our Spiritual Priorities.**

**Haggai 2:15-19:** “‘Now give careful thought to this from this day on—consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the LORD's temple. When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When anyone went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty. I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not return to me,’ declares the LORD. ‘From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation

of the LORD's temple was laid. Give careful thought: Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. 'From this day on I will bless you.'

- ***When God's people knowingly ignore God's priorities, He may discipline them, allowing frustration and difficulty to redirect their hearts back to Him.***

## **5. God's promises are bigger than our present struggles.**

**Haggai 2:21-22:** "Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother."

- ***Earthly powers and authorities will be destroyed, but God's Kingdom will remain.***

**Hebrews 12:28:** "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe..."

**Haggai 2:23:** "'On that day,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,' declares the LORD Almighty."