

REBUILD
“Looking Back, Moving Forward”
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The BIG Idea:

The only way to get true freedom and lasting peace is to prioritize God’s presence in our lives.

God is calling us to a time of:

1. Remembrance

Haggai 2:4-5 “But be strong, Zerrubabel...’Be strong, Joshua, Be strong, all you people of the land,’declares the Lord, and work, for I am with you,’declares the Lord Almighty. This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.”

Malachi 3:6 “For I the Lord do not change.”

Matthew 28:20 “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

2. Reflection

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.’”

- **Religious activity is not a substitute for spiritual transformation.**

- **God wants more than our activity. He wants our hearts.**

John 5 39-40 “You study the scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. “

3. Renewal

Haggai 2:15-18: ““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.

Haggai 1:9-11 “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” Declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces on people and livestock and on all the labor of your hands.”

Hebrews 12:7-11“Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as His children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined- and everyone undergoes discipline- then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it.

How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. “

- **God loved them too much to bless a life that was drifting away from Him.**
- **God’s discipline is not to destroy us but to restore us.**
- *When God’s people knowingly ignore God’s priorities, He may discipline them, allowing frustration and difficulty to redirect their hearts back to Him.*

4. Realization

Haggai 2:18 “From this day on, from this 24th day of the 9th month...”

HAGGAI 2:19 “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 respond to Him in obedient faith, they can trust Him with the future—even before they see the results.**

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.”

- **God's calling is determined by His purpose, not by our position.**