



Persevering Through Discouragement

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Introduction:

- Last Week: People get back on track
- Discouragement sets in

Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD.
Haggai 1:8 NLT

Then... God's people began to obey the message from the LORD their God.
Haggai 1:12 NLT

Dealing with Discouragement

Then on October 17 of that same year, the LORD sent another message through the prophet Haggai.
Haggai 2:1 NLT

1. Causes of discouragement

- Comparisons
- Lack of progress

2. Overcoming discouragement

- Be strong
- Get to work
- God is with us

¹ Then on October 17 of that same year, the LORD sent another message through the prophet Haggai. ² "Say this to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of God's people there in the land: ³ 'Does anyone remember this house—this Temple—in its former splendor? How, in comparison, does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing at all! ⁴ But now the LORD says: Be strong, Zerubbabel. Be strong, Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for I am with you, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ⁵ My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.'"

Haggai 2:1-5 NLT

"The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. And in this place I will bring peace. I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!"

Haggai 2:9 NLT

Next Steps:

- Memorize Haggai 1:12 (series verse)
- When facing discouragement, I commit to _____

- Commit to trust in God and continue to "build God's temple" even when discouraged
- I believe that God is calling me to _____

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