

PERSEVERING THROUGH DISCOURAGEMENT

Haggai 1:13-2:1-4

Haggai Week 1

*“Then Haggai, the LORD’s messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: “I am with you,” declares the LORD. <sup>14</sup> So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, 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.” - Haggai 1:13-14*

*“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?” - Haggai 2:3*

THE CAUSES OF DISCOURAGEMENT:

- COMPARISONS
- LACK OF PROGRESS

WHEN YOU FACE DISCOURAGEMENT:

*“Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jehozadak, 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.” – Haggai 1:12*

*“But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the LORD. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jehozadak, 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.” - Haggai 2:4*

- BE STRONG
- DO THE WORK

SUCCESSFUL people do CONSISTENTLY what NORMAL people do OCCASIONALLY.

*“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” - Galatians 6:9*

*“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former*

house.' Says the LORD Almighty." – Haggai 2:9

*"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." – 1 John 4:4*

"Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem...Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth..." – John 4:21-23

...He is with You.

Deeper Thought & Life Application:

- Which is more discouraging to you: comparison or lack of progress? How does it play out for you?
- What have you started and maybe stopped or paused? How will you press on with God to be strong and do the work?