

Overcoming Discouragement

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Discouragement shrinks when we remember
WHO IS WITH US and **WHERE GOD IS TAKING US**.

Discouragement #1: **UNMET EXPECTATIONS**.

Discouragement is the distance between our **EXPECTATIONS** and **REALITY**.

“Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?” (Haggai 2:3, ESV)

Discouragement #2: **UNHELPFUL NOSTALGIA**.

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“Say not, “Why were the former days better than these?” For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.” (Ecclesiastes 7:10, ESV)

Promise #1: My **PRESENCE** is with you.

*“Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord **for I am with you**, declares the Lord of hosts...” (Haggai 2:4, ESV)*

“...according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.” (Haggai 2:5, ESV)

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil...” (Psalm 23:4, ESV)

Promise #2: My GLORY is ahead of you.

“For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.” (Haggai 2:6–9, ESV)

“I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.” (Matthew 12:6, ESV)

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” (John 2:19b, ESV)