

Sermon Guide



“Pebbles”

January 28, 2024

Haggai 1:12-13

"Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord. Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke to the people with the Lord's message, "I am with you, declares the Lord."

1. RD verbalized the exhausting cycle of striving that we often feel as humans. Our spiritual apathy leads us to strive after a surplus of activities for God, when deep intimacy with God is what we actually need. When examining your current schedule and/or rhythms, how does your doing for God compare to your presence with Him? Is doing outpacing the delighting?
2. In both Deuteronomy 7:6-9 and the Creation story, the Lord uses specific identity language to characterize His people. God emphasizes His foundational love, affection, and blessing for His people, that in which precedes any human tasks, striving, or activities. How does your life differ when you are living through your received identity versus an identity rooted in achievement?
3. RD emphasized that God's love is the only thing that can sustain our lives for God. In Christ, we have nothing to prove. Our service should only extend from a heart already full of Christ. Take an extended moment to pray with your fellow brothers & sisters. Pray that the Lord's love would be what controls us. Pray that we would believe these truths and be faithful to remind our community of them.