

***Believing to Become
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Acts 13:36 (ESV) — For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep [died]

Haggai 2:6–9 (ESV) — 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.

1. PERCEIVE – SEE from God's divine PERSPECTIVE

Haggai 1:2–6 (ESV) — “Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.” Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

John 5:19 (ESV) — So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

Proverbs 29:18 (ESV) — Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

2. PURSUE – SEEK first God’s divine PRESENCE

Haggai 1:8–13 (ESV) — Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD. You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labors.” 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.”

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) — But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

3. PERSIST – STAND firm and reap God’s divine PROVISION

Haggai 2:1–5 (ESV) — In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the

hand of Haggai the prophet: “Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, ‘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? 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. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.

Galatians 6:9 (ESV) — And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

4. PERSEVERE – STAY focused on God’s divine PROMISES

Haggai 2:18–19 (ESV) — Consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the LORD’s temple was laid, consider: Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you.”

2 Corinthians 1:20 (ESV) — For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

“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! 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. My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.”
Haggai 2:3-5 NLT

Father, speak to me regarding the renovations of Crossgates... I like the look of the updated worship center but the cost is high! I had to know what you said on this: To reach and transform Mississippi is going to require our full focus forward. I do not want the renovations of the Worship Center to distract us from the main vision.

I DO believe we need to renovate, I'm just unsure of the cost... please give me wisdom in this...

“For this is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. 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 2:6-9 NLT

LORD, THIS is what I long for... I long for Crossgates to no longer be the church that "once was", but rather be the church that "now is"! Bring your Shalom presence here!

“Think about this eighteenth day of December, the day when the foundation of the LORD’s Temple was laid. Think carefully! I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested your grain, and your grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, and olive trees have not yet produced their crops. But from this day onward I will bless you.”
Haggai 2:18-19 NLT

Father, I am sitting in this Word in awe! Last year you used Haggai 1 to spur me forward in renovating the Worship Center. I was filled with anxiety over the cost, yet heard your call to build!

Now I sit here one year later... Yesterday, December 18, 2016, we had our first worship service using our new equipment... I got up this morning and read this passage of blessing!

"Think carefully" - Surely was the beginning of a new thing! A new day has dawned for Crossgates!
- We have only laid the foundation! Much is left to do!

"I am giving you a promise now..." Even though we do not see a full house and have experienced almost no growth, the LORD is making a promise NOW!

"From this day onward I will bless you" LORD, I receive your promise, in Jesus' Name! Come Kingdom of God! Be done, will of God! At Crossgates, just as it is being done in heaven!

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1. _____ – _____ *from God's divine*

2. _____ – _____ *first God's divine*

3. _____ – _____ *firm and reap God's*
divine _____

4. _____ – _____ *focused on God's*
divine _____