

When God speaks, He strengthens.
Haggai 2:1-9
November 15, 2026

Strength is found in God's presence, promises, and peace.

It's not about how impressive the building is.
It's about how impressive is the *one who inhabits* the building!

When God commands the work, He also *supplies the work*.
When God commands the work, He also *shows up to work.*

Our *best days* are still ahead!

Additional Scripture:
Hebrews 12:25-29, John 1:14, John 14:27

ICE BREAKER: Best fast food (or other restaurant) French fries and condiment of choice?

DISCUSSION
How can focusing on our accomplishments or comparing our present circumstances with the past lead toward either discouragement or pride?

God commands His people to "be strong," followed by the commands to work and fear not., how is biblical strength different from simply trying harder or relying on our own determination??

The sermon connected these promises to Christ and the unshakable kingdom described in Hebrews 12:25–29. How does Jesus fulfill the greater glory and peace promised in this passage?

PRAY
ray for those in our church family who are discouraged, weary, or struggling to persevere.

ASSESS
Where are you discouraged in the work?

What are you looking to for strength?

What is God shaking in your life?

APPLY
How can you intentionally approach your responsibilities, struggles, and relationships with a greater awareness of Christ's presence this week?

How could you use a specific promise from Scripture to encourage someone in your life who is discouraged by circumstances, spiritual struggles, or unmet expectations, rather than simply offering advice or reassurance?

PRAY:
- Ask God to reveal areas where discouragement has weakened your faith or obedience.
- Pray to rely on God's enabling grace rather than your own abilities or determination.
- Ask Him to loosen your attachment to temporary things that compete for your trust and affection.