

GROWTH

1. Glorify God
2. Love Others
3. Walk by the Spirit

EARTHLY TENT VS THE SANCTUARY

-2 Corinthians 5:1-10

-Haggai 1:1-4

TEMPLE BUILDING

Building the House of God wasn't just about constructing a building, it was meant to restore true worship in Jerusalem, to be obedient to God and complete the project to please the Lord, and to be a great testimony to the unbelieving nations who were watching.

TEMPLE BUILDING

Haggai delivers three more brief messages to encourage the Jewish people to not give up on the project at hand. In each of these messages, he asks them to look in a specific direction to learn what God wanted them to learn.

LOOKING UP: “GOD IS WITH US”

Haggai 2:1-9

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Encouragement 1: God's Presence

Haggai 2:4-9

LOOKING UP: “GOD IS WITH US”

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’. Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

-Hebrews 13:5; 7-8

LOOKING UP: “GOD IS WITH US”

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

-Matthew 28:18-20

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Encouragement 2: God's Covenant
Haggai 2:5

LOOKING UP: “GOD IS WITH US”

“Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. They will know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.”

-Exodus 29:45-46

LOOKING UP: “GOD IS WITH US”

“So He said to me, ‘This is the Word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD Almighty.’”

-Zechariah 4:6

LOOKING UP: “GOD IS WITH US”

“If God were to take the Holy Spirit out of this world, much of what we’re doing in our churches would go right on, and nobody would know the difference.”

-A.W. Tozer

LOOKING UP: “GOD IS WITH US”

Encouragement 3: God's Glory

Haggai 2:6-7, 9

LOOKING UP: “GOD IS WITH US”

Hebrews 12:14-29

LOOKING UP: “GOD IS WITH US”

“However, as it is written: ‘No Eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him’ — But God has revealed it to us by His Spirit.”

-1 Corinthians 2:9-10

**LOOKING UP:
“GOD IS WITH US”**

Encouragement 4: God's Provision

Haggai 2:8

LOOKING WITHIN: “SELF-REFLECTION OF CONTAMINATION”

Haggai 2:10-19

LOOKING WITHIN: “SELF-REFLECTION OF CONTAMINATION”

Question #1: Holiness (Haggai 2:11-12)

When an animal was presented at the alter as a sacrifice, the meat was considered holy. Even though the garment is holy/set apart because of the sanctified meat, this holiness can't be imparted to other objects.

LOOKING WITHIN: “SELF-REFLECTION OF CONTAMINATION”

Question #2: Defilement (Haggai 2:13)

You transmit defilement from one thing or person to another, but not sanctity.

LOOKING WITHIN: “SELF-REFLECTION OF CONTAMINATION”

The people working on the temple could not impart any holiness to it, but they could defile it with their sins. It wasn't just important to do God's work, but also that they do His work with pure and clean hearts.

LOOKING AHEAD:

“GOD’S PLAN IN FROM AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE”

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

-1 Peter 2:9

PRACTICAL LESSONS:

1. God's work has begun, is sustained, and built of the foundation of His Word and Christ.

PRACTICAL LESSONS:

2. My PERSONAL relationship with God is not to fix me up to look attractive to the world, but to grow me as I along with the Church/Bride of Christ get built into the House of God. God's servants must work together to build the House of the Lord.

PRACTICAL LESSONS:

3. Fix your eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

PRACTICAL LESSONS:

4. Putting God first is the guarantee for
His blessing in Kingdom work.

PRACTICAL LESSONS:

**5. Apart from the power of the Holy Spirit,
our labor is in vain.**

REFLECTION QUESTION

-Why are you in Cordova, Alaska?
What is your purpose? Is it to be
light & salt and to bring people to
the knowledge of a need for a Lord
and Savior?

OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK

“Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place.”

-Revelation 2:4-5

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SPEND TIME:

Find 30 minutes of time each day this week to spend personal time with the Lord. Read His Word, spend time praying, Worship, etc.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

BE ACCOUNTABLE:

Call someone up this week and ask them how God has been speaking to them this week. Spend time praying with that person and see if there is anyway you can come alongside them to help them.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

DISCIPLE/MENTOR:

Find someone in the church that you can meet with once a week to disciple/mentor. Start this week over a walk, cup of coffee, dinner, etc.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

BUILD THE HOUSE OF GOD:

Find a way you can SERVE,
SUPPORT, PRAY, CONNECT, or USE
your gifts within the church.