

❖ **Be Strong (1-4)**

- **Date** – supposed to be a time of celebration ... Instead, everything reminds the people what they don't have ... What's been lost ... What they won't ever see again ... **Feast of Booths** – yet the harvest is barren ... **Dedication of Solomon's Temple** – yet the temple is non-existent ... What's to celebrate ... How do they rejoice in this
- Is the Lord taunting them ... Is He rubbing salt in their wound ... No – He's refocusing their attention ... Remember, we said **the Lord is rebuilding them** ... Rebuilding the relationship, the trust, faith, dependence ... His words are meant to **shake**
- Similar encouragement spoken to Joshua when he assumed leadership ... Spoken to Solomon when building the Temple ... These words mean to instill faith and strength ... They mean to shake and rebuild ... The Lord does the same with us today
- We can get fixated on the wrong things, and miss what He's doing right before us ... Work and ministry we do – we can easily get into a comparison game ... It's not about reclaiming the glory days of before ... It's about **His glory today** ... What makes the temple glorious – Him ... What makes the task successful – is He glorified ... **Your being faithful = Him being glorified**

❖ **My Spirit is Standing (5-7)**

- **My Spirit is standing among you** ... **Standing / Shake** – ongoing actions that God is doing ... Thru Haggai ... Throughout all redemptive history – He reminds them of exodus, inhabiting promised land, return from exile ... Though everything is shaken, **He stands as the unshakable One** ... Declares His sovereignty, faithfulness, goodness – His glory, over all that is
- Why does the Lord shake the earth ... **To accomplish His purpose** in His creation and for His Kingdom – **Hb12:26-28** ... **CALVIN: WE ARE TO LAY HOLD ON THAT KINGDOM WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN; FOR THE LORD SHAKES US FOR THIS END, THAT HE MAY REALLY AND FOREVER ESTABLISH US IN HIMSELF** ... You grab hold of Christ, trusting that He has grabbed hold of you ... **Purposeful shaking**

❖ **House of Glory (7-9)**

- God Himself will provide what's needed from His abundance ... Greatest treasure is Himself – **I will fill** ... **THE OUTWARD GLORY OF THE TEMPLE IS A REFLECTION OF THE GLORIOUS ONE DWELLING WITHIN** ... His glory shines through and claims everything it touches
- Fulfillment goes beyond this temple, and the great complex Herod will build ... **Greater fulfillment is Jesus** (Mt12:6, Jn2:19) ... Jesus is who the temple points towards ... Jesus is God with us ... Jesus unites us with God ... He's building a house of glory ... The outward glory of His House is a reflection of the Glorious One dwelling within
- **2Co3:18** ... This glorious work is being done in jars of clay – **2Co4:7** ... The glory of God dwells inside jars of clay ... And **His glory shines through these jars in everyday faithfulness** ... So that His extraordinary power may be displayed ... So that no matter how your life is shaken, **His unshakable presence sustains you**