

Clear As Day Final

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GOOD MORNING ARISING CHURCH! We have had a plethora of life changing messages over the past few months! Words like 'More Than Conquerors' where we learned that the battle around us is clear and we must rise up and fight, 'Battle Ready' where we saw that the Torah prepares us for battle! Messages like Chaokampf showing that affairs in the heavens are not always peachy keen, but there are many gods who are at war, although YHWH is the most high and is never intimidated by any of them! Through this last message 'Archonic Dominions' we learned that spiritual powers are fighting over regions of the earth and when we joined the faith we committed to battle against the malevolent spiritual powers! We have been spurred on to understand the magnitude of the battle that we are in!

Today, we want to take all the momentum we have gained and direct it to maximize your kingdom expansion. Do you want to Maximize Kingdom Expansion? (Yes!) Now with all these deep studies, sometimes we can begin to think our role in expanding the kingdom is unclear or blurry. You may ask yourself questions like "what role do I play in this church", "I don't feel called to the nations what part do I play?", "I don't feel called to ministry, can I still be productive for the kingdom?", **"I love all this insight into the heavenlies, but what do I do about it?"**

How many of you have recently asked a question similar to those? We want to make the answer to all of these questions "Clear As Day"!

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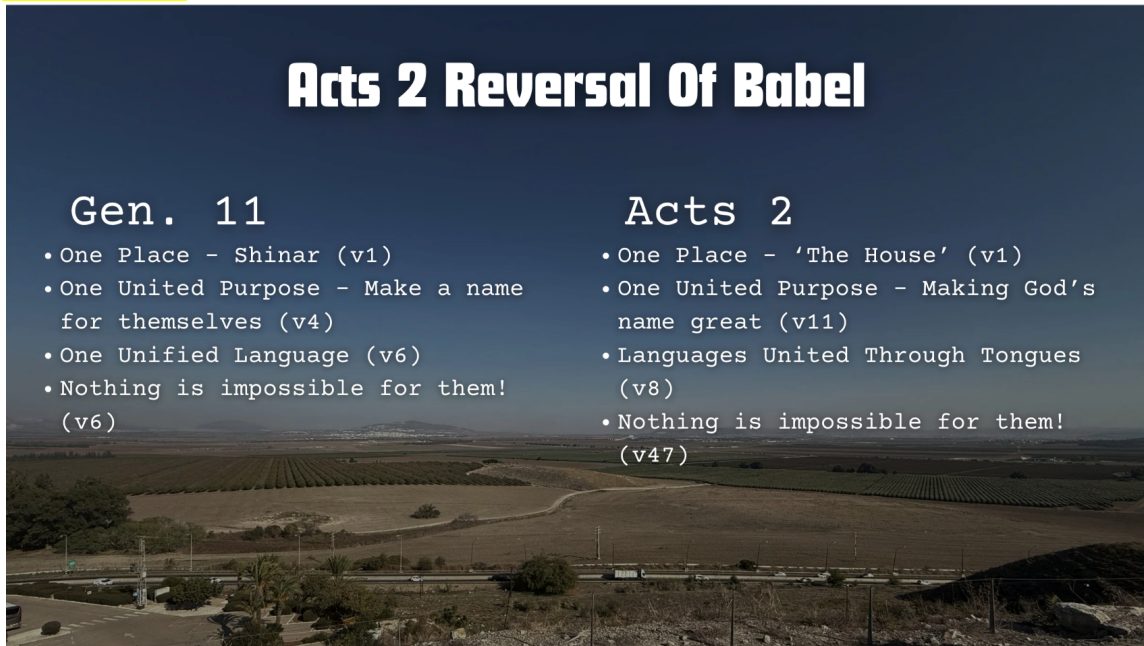
If you think you know what you are called to... Listen UP! We are giving YOU battle instructions and the aim that God has instructed THIS BODY in! This instruction will be useful to both the newest members of this body, the most established teams and those who have perceived clarity on the vision of this church already! This will be very helpful for all of you!

Let's start where we left off last week with the reversal of Babel.



Do you remember this slide? We want to explain a little bit more about the similarities between Babel and the first Pentecost after the Resurrection:

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Acts 2 Reversal Of Babel

Gen. 11	Acts 2
• One Place - Shinar (v1) • One United Purpose - Make a name for themselves (v4) • One Unified Language (v6) • Nothing is impossible for them! (v6)	• One Place - 'The House' (v1) • One United Purpose - Making God's name great (v11) • Languages United Through Tongues (v8) • Nothing is impossible for them! (v47)

Let's dive a little deeper into the effects of the toxic unity in Babel!

- o **Genesis 11:6 (ESV)**

6 And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. **And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.**

Because of their Unity, Nothing was impossible for them!

In the same way, we see a holy unity aimed at a divine purpose in the book of Acts. They are all in one place, united in language though tongues, united in purpose under the great commission and making God's name great! Thus nothing was impossible for them!!! Just ask the lame man who walked if anything was impossible for them, or Tabitha who was raised from the dead

if anything was impossible for them! Surely through their utter UNITY
NOTHING WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM!

Church, do you want to do the impossible?

Arising church, do you REALLY WANT to do the impossible???

We will share with you the recipe to doing the impossible and expanding the kingdom. We will expound this throughout the entirety of the message.

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We will unpack this point throughout the scriptures and come to an extremely practical closing to make the vision 'CLEAR AS DAY'

Transition statement: We are going to look at 5 examples through the Torah that shows this kingdom expansion exactly.

All of them display unified devotion to godly leaders AND willing sacrificial work, but the first 4 we cover today will focus on the first half of this concept: **Unified devotion to godly leaders** and the last example we will cover in depth to show **willing sacrificial work**.

Unified Devotion to Godly Leaders

The Kingdom Expands through **unified devotion**
to **godly leaders** and willing sacrificial work.

Example 1: Moses

You all know the greatest song sung in Israel's history the song of Moses in Exodus 15. And many of you want to sing songs of victory like this! So let's dive into how the people of Israel received the privilege to sing such a song.

- Our first example of Kingdom expansion coming through submission to Godly leaders is in the story of the crossing of the Red Sea.
- Let's briefly recap Israel's journey up to this infamous crossing: Up until this point they have been given what many of us consider an extraordinary amount of revelation.

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Plenty of Testimony

- The favor on Joseph for their sake (Genesis 39:4-6)
- Plagues singling out Egypt and leaving them unscathed (Exodus 9:23-26)
- Moses and Aaron going before Pharaoh and calling God's shot before it happens (Exodus 9:13-21)
- Passover deliverance (Exodus 12:42)
- Literal pillar of cloud and fire (Exodus 13:21-22)

- Where they currently are in the story, by God's design, hemmed in between the Red Sea and their previous oppressors the army of Egypt. Two seemingly impossible options and they are full of fear and confusion.
- In less than a month from the Passover event, as they are currently looking at the pillar of God leading them, they declare, "This plan is no longer working!"
- The answer to their confusion is to submit themselves to the direction Moses brought that he had been given by God. Moses commands them not to fear and encourages them that they will see the deliverance of the Lord.
- Their solution was **Clear as Day**. Moses stretches his hand out, and the Lord parts the sea, and they cross the parted sea following Moses' lead.
- **Exodus 14:29-31 (ESV)**
29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. 30 That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel

saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. 31 And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

- Can you see how following the Lord and Moses became one in the same to the people?
- The recap of this triumph found in the song of Moses shows the people of Israel were destined for kingdom expansion Exodus 15:12-13 states:
- **Exodus 15:12–13 (NIV)**
 - ¹² “You stretch out your right hand,
and the earth swallows your enemies.
 - ¹³ In your unfailing love you will lead
the people you have redeemed.
In your strength you will guide them
to your holy dwelling.
- This kingdom expansion required willing sacrifice of the people to the will of the Lord revealed by a godly leader.

Let's move to the Prophets to shed further light on this theme.

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Example 2: Barak

In Judges 4, we see Israel in the midst of Judgement and cruel oppression.

- Sisera had been oppressing them for 20 years.
- Sisera had an army of 900 chariots of iron which would have been a massive military advantage.
- Israel is oppressed, "outgunned", and crying out to God for help.

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Leaders Give Vision

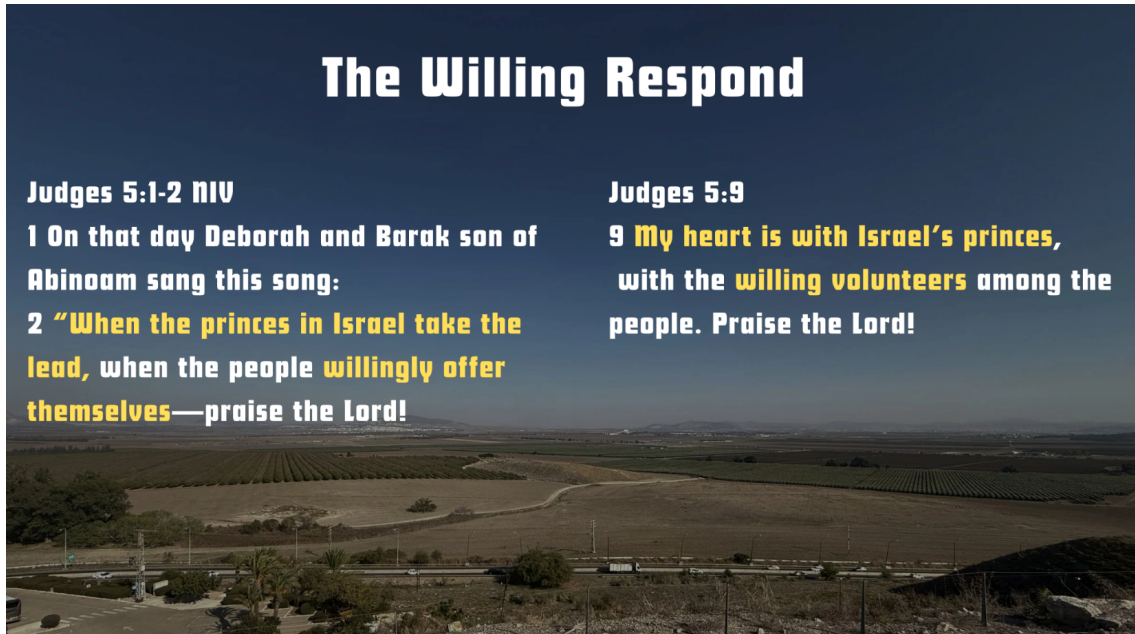
Judges 4:10,14-15 NIV

10 There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.

14 Then Deborah said to Barak, "Go! This is the day the Lord has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the Lord gone ahead of you?" So Barak went down Mount Tabor, with ten thousand men following him. 15 At Barak's advance, the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera got down from his chariot and fled on foot.

- The Leaders rise up to the word of the Lord and call men to run into battle with them.
- The people achieve great victory following their leaders.
- Another great song is sung after this battle namely the song of Deborah.

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The Willing Respond

Judges 5:1-2 NIV

1 On that day Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang this song:

2 “**When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves—praise the Lord!**

Judges 5:9

9 **My heart is with Israel’s princes, with the willingly volunteers among the people. Praise the Lord!**

- When the princes took the lead, the people willingly offered themselves. During a time of judgement, the peoples repentance did not just look like weeping and sackcloth, but instead immediate obedience to the revealed will of God through their leaders. The direction of God to the people was so clear, that they willingly risked their lives for it. **When heavenly unity is achieved, we see God give heavenly aid as well.**

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Heavenly aid

Judges 5:4-5, 21 NIV

4 "When you, Lord, went out from Seir,
when you marched from the land of Edom,
the earth shook, the heavens poured,
the clouds poured down water.

5 The mountains quaked before the Lord, the One of Sinai,
before the Lord, the God of Israel.

From the heavens the stars fought,
from their courses they fought against Sisera.

21 The river Kishon swept them away,
the age-old river, the river Kishon.
March on, my soul; be strong!

- These are supernatural events; the stars fighting, rivers sweeping them away, the earth shaking. We can see the heavens respond with supernatural aid to the people when they gave themselves freely to the will of God revealed in their leaders. The song of Deborah is one we all would like to sing, and we are becoming enlightened to the means in which such singing is achieved.
- As we stay within the book of Judges, and simply move a chapter ahead, we see the same theme repeated with further clarity in the story of Gideon.

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Example 2: Barak

Example 3: Gideon

- Once again the people are in an oppressive situation that they desperately need saving from. And you guessed it, our unchanging God gives an unchanging answer.
- The call of Gideon in Judges 6 highlights his lack of trust in God's ability to make him a deliverer, but the necessity of a man leading the people into unified vision remains.
- **Judges 6:34 (NIV)**
34 Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. 35 He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them.
- The Spirit of God comes upon Gideon for the sake of uniting the people to follow him into battle. While many initially respond, the Lord's desire for full unity and maximum glory is revealed through the sifting of the men in his army.
- **Judges 7:2 (NIV)**

2 The Lord said to Gideon, “You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, ‘My own strength has saved me.’

- God could defeat the Midianites in any way He pleases, by whittling 32,000 men into 300....
- He accomplishes two aims:
 - He makes it certain that there would be no boast of man in the victory.
 - And reveals to His people the power of a few united men joined to one leader.
- God is not afraid of using those who are few in number but one in purpose to accomplish great things for his kingdom.
- **Judges 7:17-18 (NIV)**

17 “Watch me,” he told them. “Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. **18** When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, ‘For the Lord and for Gideon.’”
- The principles of OA discipleship such as imitation and attachment are likely present in your minds while reading this text.
- As these men did this, their collective shout is, "For the Lord and for Gideon" There is no delineation between the Lord's vision and Gideon's leading in their mind, but a total unity in purpose that produces a supernatural result.
- The vast Midianite army was defeated by Gideon who was clothed with the Spirit to bring supernatural unity to 300 men. So that just at the sound of their trumpets and voice, the enemy scattered.
- God compresses a group of men toward unity in Judges, and now will expand a group of men from a place of unity. The point is not number but rather, the necessity of unity around a leaders vision.

Let's go to the writings and the leadership of David.

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Example 3: Gideon

Example 4: David

- In contrast to Gideon, the number of men being unified to David and the Lord's vision for his life starts small and increases.
- David is widely considered to be one of the greatest leaders in the history of Israel. He conquered more new territory than anyone else in all Israel other than Joshua.
- As we see throughout chapter 12, the army of God starts to grow little by little as the Gadites and Benjamite's come to join Davids ranks and execute the vision of God. The story narrows in on Amasai in vs 18
- **1 Chronicles 12:18 (LSB)**
18 And the Spirit clothed Amasai, who was the chief of the thirty,
and he said,
 "We are yours, O David,
 And with you, O son of Jesse!
 Peace, peace to you,
 And peace to him who helps you;
 Indeed, your God helps you!"
Then David received them and made them chiefs of the band.

- This time, it is the follower Amasai who is clothed with the spirit towards full unity between a leader and his men. Amasai is the chief of the thirty and has men he is responsible for. This has a consequential effect of many more joining David's cause.
- Amasai rightly perceives what God is doing and gives himself wholly to the task.
- David receives them and makes them leaders of his raiding bands.
- Amasai's men are following him, as he follows David, who is following the Lord. There is a total unity that trickles down to all the people and defines the army of God.
- **1 Chronicles 12:21-22 NIV**
21 They helped David against raiding bands, for all of them were brave warriors, and they were commanders in his army. 22 Day after day men came to help David, until he had a great army, like the army of God.
- **1 Chronicles 12:38 NIV**
38 All these were fighting men who volunteered to serve in the ranks. They came to Hebron fully determined to make David king over all Israel. All the rest of the Israelites were also of one mind to make David king.
- One army with one purpose to make David king. This army of God goes on not only to achieve their task to make David king, but to fulfil all of David's vision that they could.

We took the time to go through all these scriptures to show this pattern is as clear as day in the Tanak. Let briefly review these examples:

- Moses - God's solution to the people's fear was giving their leader direction and hemming them in to make a decision. The people unite in following their leader and God moves to bring them one step closer to the promise land. This event results in the song of Moses.

- Barak - The willingness of the people to give themselves to the revealed will of God through Barak and Deborah led to supernatural aid from the heavens.
- Gideon - The men's battle cry was for The LORD and for Gideon...AND they were willing to give their lives for God's mission. With a small number of unified men, they achieved supernatural victory against a much larger force.
- David - Little by little men were added to David through supernatural unity to accomplish the will of God. Amasai, was clothed with the Spirit for this task until they are built up and described as the army of God.

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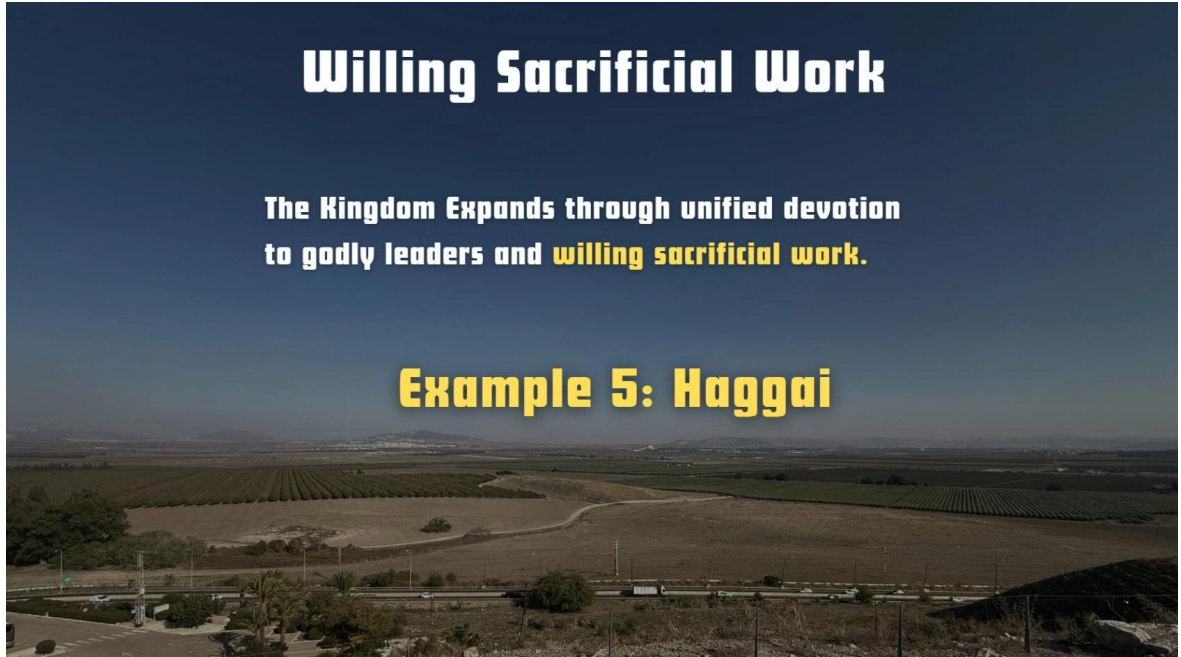


We have Discussed the first part of this slide extensively... Devotion to godly leaders... Now we will pivot to focusing on 'devotion to willing sacrificial work'. You will see all these concepts in every point, but in Haggai you will see specifically the point of willing sacrificial work.

Willing Sacrificial Work

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Example 5: Haggai



Let's all turn to Haggai 1

- **Haggai 1:1–4 (ESV)**

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest:

2 “Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the **time** has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.” 3 Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, 4 “Is it a **time** for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?

- God addresses the leaders first: Joshua the High priest and Zerubbabel the governor.
- God will always address the leaders first. Whether it is a man of a home or an entire nation. When leaders respond rightly to God's word, the people can follow in strength and unity
- But God's word addresses not JUST the leaders but he speaks about ALL of the people.
- God's words are focused on how the people were delaying obedience.

- The Lord is confronting the people's choices:
 - Their resources, energy, and devotion were being poured into personal comfort not kingdom advancement.
- God was calling every man to give themselves to willing sacrificial work.

Before we move on we want to point out the focus on TIME:

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- Do you see how this slide is clear as day! It is the day... So it is TIME TO WORK!

Both the people and God recognize that **time** plays a crucial role in advancing a kingdom...the only question is whose kingdom will your time build: yours or Gods?

In light of that take a look at John 9

- **John 9:4-5 (ESV)**

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• If you are not doing the work of the Lord in your "Day" of life...it is as if you were already dead. Don't waste your life.

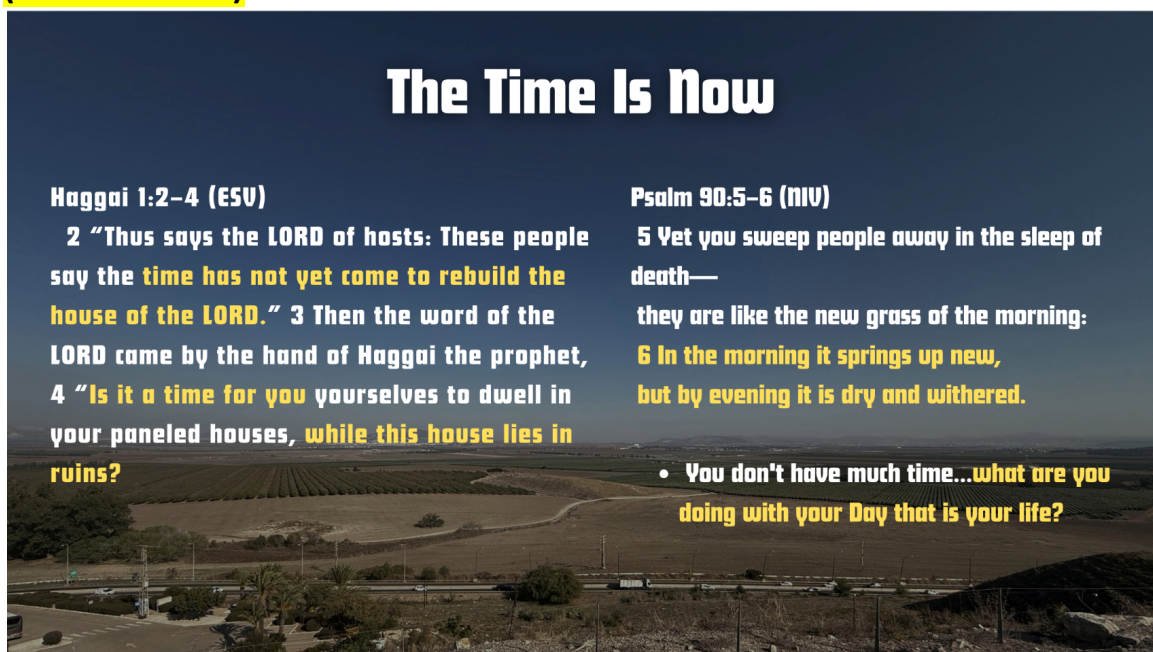
- LCM just preached a message called, "What are you waiting for?". In that message, they used this scripture and many others where they clearly defined the concept that your life is the equivalent of a day.
- Jesus is saying that his time to work is during the day.
- When he says, Night is coming, he is speaking of the time when his earthly work will end, meaning his death.
- He is reminding his disciples that everyone's life is represented as "a day" to do what God has given us to do.
 - Sunrise - the moment of your birth
 - Noon - the prime of your strength to accomplish his will or your own.
 - Sunset - your life is coming to a close.
- Each of us is living somewhere between sunrise and sunset right now.
- The question is: what are you doing with the daylight that you have been given?
- In Haggai's day the people delayed the work of God's house to work on their own.
- Don't waste your daylight...use your strength, your day, to build what is eternal.

Psalms 90 says it like this:

- **Psalm 90:4–6 (NIV)**

4 A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
6 In the morning it springs up new,
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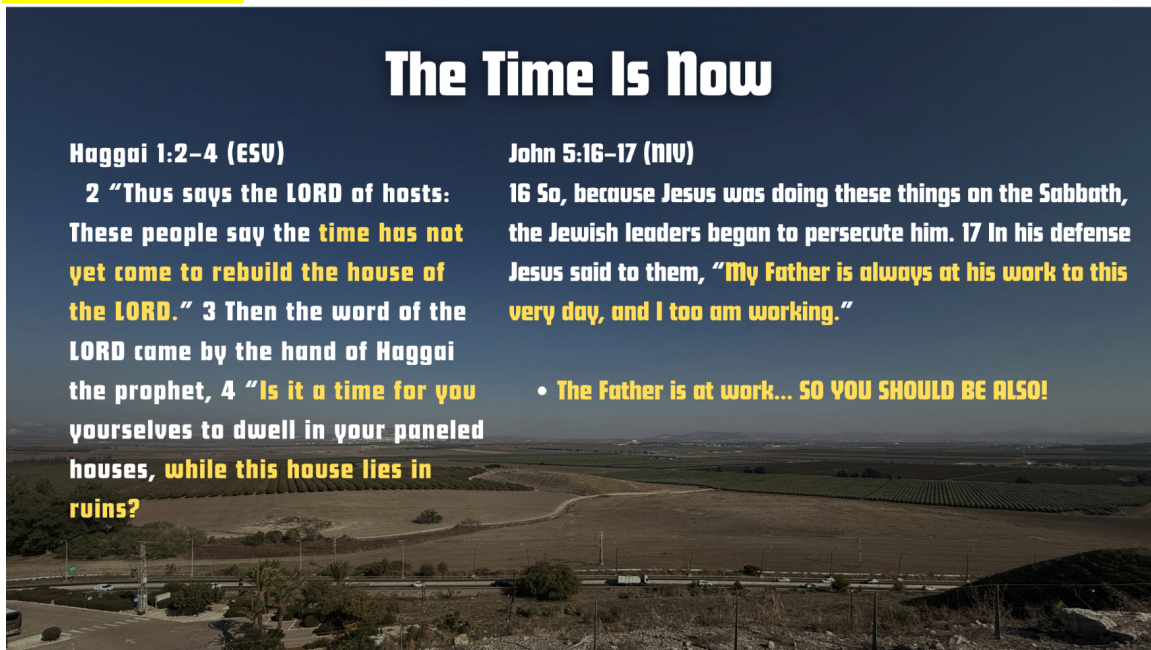
• You don't have much time...**what are you doing with your Day that is your life?**

- To God a thousand years is like a single day.
- Our life to God is just a brief moment in his sight.
- Because of that, we must live with eternal purpose and urgency.
- Also notice that Moses, who wrote this psalm, uses the picture of sleep for death. Confirming what we saw in John 9: night = death; the day = our life and opportunity.
- The fact that he compares us to grass, shows that time passes faster than we think.
- Through Haggai, God was saying, "don't waste your time chasing comfort or waiting for the perfect time."
- Many people delay obedience because they're waiting for:

- o The right season
 - o The right level of training,
 - o The right leader to notice them,
 - o Or the perfect set of circumstances.
- But He is urging us, saying the time is now.
 - o You don't have to be relocated or sent to do what you are called to do. Do it now.
- **John 5:16–17 (NIV)**

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- **The Father is at work... SO YOU SHOULD BE ALSO!**

- The setting: Jesus has just healed a man on the Sabbath
- Then he tells that man to carry his mat, knowing full well the religious leaders would call that "work"
- Jesus always knows how to get to the heart of the issue.
- Some people don't want to do the Father's work...and they'll use any excuse to justify their inactivity.
- To often we confuse work with legalism.

- The work of the Lord is not about earning salvation...it is about partnering with his purpose.
- God is not idle or distant or disengaged.
- God works...it is a part of his nature. Work is good!
- Jesus and every good son finds joy in joining in his father's work.
- True sons don't sit back while others labor...they put their hand to plow because they love the one who called them.

Let's return to our text in Haggai to see what their inaction caused.

- **Haggai 1:5–7 (ESV)**

5 **Now**, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: **Consider your ways.** 6 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.

7 “Thus says the LORD of hosts: **Consider your ways.**

- Notice here the text instructs them to "Consider your ways" 2 times!
- God is bringing their work to frustration because they have focused on their own work rather than the LORD's work.
- There was a job to be done and they were not doing it! This brought frustration!
- We need to consider the work God has called us to today!
- There is a vision given to this body that is clear as day and we must follow the LORD as he leads us triumphantly into this vision!
- When your vision is away from the clear vision God has been giving this house, your money bag will be found to have holes.
 - Your efforts will be found to be futile
 - Your energy will be for naught
 - ETC (Everything you do will be frustrated by God)

- In light of considering our ways to see our works effect on our lives let's look at 1 Corinthians 3:12-15
- **1 Corinthians 3:12–15 (ESV)**

12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the **Day** will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.
- Now we are still talking about Haggai, but do you see the need to give careful thought to your ways... It is because the work will be revealed and tested by fire.
- Your work will go through the fire to test its quality and if it survives you will receive a reward in the age to come. If not, you will suffer loss for all the work you have done.
- The work they were doing in Haggai was not 'passing through the fire' as God was making clear its futility and the destruction it was bringing on their entire life!
- This should spur us on to consistently consider our ways and soberly view the results of our work.
- **Haggai 1:8 (ESV)**

8 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.
- The call to the people in the time of Haggai, was to get to work and then the Lord would take pleasure in the work they did. Not to continually wait for what they perceived as the right time.

- The call for them was CLEAR AS DAY! They know what they must do and it is time to do it. There is no ambiguity, either they are building God's house or not, no middle ground.
- The call for us is CLEAR AS DAY, start working toward the vision that God has already spoken to this body! Now is not the time to sit back and build your own kingdom, now is the time to get to work!
- We know that MANY of you are considering changing your life for the vision of this body and the One Association! If the LORD has made you to make these changes then NOW IS THE TIME! DO NOT WAIT.

Let's look at the next verses

- **Haggai 1:9-11 (ESV)**

9 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.**

10 Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.

11 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."**

- The people in Haggai stopped working when opposition arose.
- The Gov put pressure on them and instead of pressing through, they said, "well I guess it is not the time"
- But God used Haggai to expose what was really in their hearts
 - The obstacle wasn't the issue...their heart was.
- When your heart is truly devoted to God's work, no obstacle can stop you.
- But when your heart is divided, any excuse will do.
- Because of their **slowness** to obey, **NOTHING** they are doing succeeds. All their efforts were fruitless.

- The problem is not that they are busy, it is that they are busy with things other than what God had told them to do!
- **The LORD gave them a mission that is clear as day, and although they were busy, they were not busy doing what was asked of them.**

- Let's see what happens when they DO obey...

- **Haggai 1:12 (ESV)**

12 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.

- The solution to their problem was simple OBEDIENCE!!!
- When you feel as though nothing you are doing is bearing fruit, it is easy to fall into confusion. The solution is not confusing, in fact, It is CLEAR AS DAY!
- The solution was simple obedience to what the LORD had spoken AND what God's appointed leaders were saying!
- **Do you see how it says they obeyed the LORD AND also the words of Haggai the prophet!**
 - Remember Exodus 14:31...
- Imagine if the people stated they would follow the LORD, but then didn't follow Haggai.
 - They stated God was leading them in a different direction.
 - They needed to build God's 'spiritual house'.
 - This would have been FULL DISOBEDIENCE.
 - **They could not obey the LORD without also obeying the leaders he had appointed in their lives!**
- If you are called by God to this body, but you are going in a different direction than your leaders, than you are abandoning that work God has given you and building your own house!
- **Haggai 1:13 (ESV)**

13 Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, **"I am with you, declares the LORD."**

- When the people finally did obey God and his leaders, they received affirmation from the LORD!
- Everyone in this room desires affirmation from the LORD
 - Again for those of you called to this body, this affirmation only comes AFTER you have started the work God has given you through the leaders here!
 - As you get to work, you WILL begin to feel God's affirmation on the work you are doing!
- Satisfaction will result from doing the work of the Lord that you are designed for.
- (Vs 14 - they were empowered with heavenly aid when they committed in their hearts to do the work.

Conclusion

Now that we have been through many examples of people uniting for a clear call as given by their God appointed leaders, we want to remind you of this slide!

(Read Slide)



As we come to a close, we will remind you of the **mission of the arising church, the vision of the one association, and a practical passage out of the book of acts to help us be effective in our kingdom expansion.**

- The mission of the Arising church
- **Ephesians 4:12–13 (ESV)**
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
- We are called as a body to equip the saints for the works of ministry!
- This call does not end until we have attained to the fullness of Christ and the full knowledge of Jesus!
- THAT IS A BIG TASK...
- The day is short... We got work to do!
- The Arising church mission of equipping men and women is ultimately aimed at the One Association vision!
- **Exodus 15:27 (ESV)**
²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.
- Our Association is called to plant 12 domestic Churches and to reach the 70 nations!
- This is a HUGE call!
- It will not just take one person's commitment, but a unified effort.
- The testimony we have seen today from the scripture is clear as day.
 - As Isreal was in the Desert, he united them for war as the went into the promised land
 - Barak and Gideon both united the people to fight Great battles! (both in the valley of Megido)

- David and his mighty men took more ground than almost any time in Israel's history... How? Because they were all united around God and David's leadership.
 - In Haggai they were told to work under the vision that God had given through Haggai.
 - It was not time for each to do his own vision, but for them to work hard at the vision God had given their community through its leaders!
- It is time we all get on board with this vision! The day is short. **THIS IS HOW THE KINGDOM EXPANDS.**
- We want you to know your place inside this vision. More than that you need to find your place in the will of God. If you don't know what to do, Let us circle back to where we started in Acts Chapter 2 and get completely practical.

(DISPLAY WHILE WE READ SCRIPTURE)



The Early Church Descriptors

Practices:

- 1. They were devoted to the apostles teachings**
- 2. To fellowship**
- 3. To the breaking of bread**
- 4. To prayer**
- 5. They were together**
- 6. They had all things in common**
- 7. Every day they were meeting together in the temple**
- 8. They had glad and sincere hearts, praising God**

Miraculous signs and daily increase in numbers as they practiced these things.

Acts 2:42–47 (NIV)

⁴² They **devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching** and to **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**. ⁴³ **Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.** ⁴⁴ All the believers **were together** and **had everything in common**. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ **Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.** They **broke bread** in their **homes** and **ate** together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- The first item that they devoted themselves to was the apostles teaching.
 - How devoted are you to the teachings of this house?
 - Are you applying the sermons to your own life and instructing your family to do so?
 - Do you remember what you learned in Marriage Enrichment?
 - How about Parenting classes
 - These things are CLEAR AS DAY and they will forge the UNITY that allows us to advance the kingdom!
- Are you devoted to Fellowship?
 - How often do you isolate at home with your family?
 - Constant fellowship around the word of God will help us advance the vision of this church and mature men to go to the nations!
 - Are you coming with something to offer that will bless others?
- Are you devoted to prayer?
 - Are you praying for the international work being done in the One Association? (this one convicted me)
 - Paul consistently asks the churches to pray for his work... He believes it has effect on the vision God had given them... DO you believe your prayer effects the vision given to us?
 - Teams, Are you devoted to praying about how you can take part in OUR VISION?
- They had all things in common
 - How tightly are you holding onto your possessions.

- We just had great messages about funding the kingdom, are you willing church? If you are willing to give, have you followed through on your giving?
 - Are you constantly looking for ways to give more? This is what advances the vision of this body and God will use it to advance the kingdom!
- They did this with Gladness
 - As you do this, you will find satisfaction in the work God has given us!
 - Gladness is a byproduct of alignment with the Lord, not something you have to create.
- **TODAY is the day to get to work! Today is the day to run full fledged after the vision of this house!**
- **Your life is like the span of a Day.... you MUST seek to advance the vision God has given to this house and help us advance the kingdom!**
- **The Call is clear, we must do this EACH DAY!**