

HAGGAI

A THEOLOGY OF STUFF

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PART 2: BE STRONG & WORK, IT'S ALL MINE

HAGGAI 2:1-9

Ezra 3:12-13; 5:1-6:12

1:10 HOMEWORK

Read Haggai 2:1-9

(For extra credit, Read Ezra 3:12-13; 5:1-6:12)

1. God speaks through Haggai again to Zerubbabel and Joshua, he also speaks again to the remaining people who had returned from Babylon. Why did He also speak to the remnant of people this time? What purpose was there in this?
2. **Read Ezra 3:12-13.** Haggai is addressing these same people in Haggai 2:3. Why was the older generation discouraged?
3. The older generation was comparing the state of the current temple with the former temple of Solomon and were greatly discouraged. Even to the point that they doubted God's Spirit was still with them. Why can it be unhealthy to play the comparison game?
4. Do you spend unhealthy amounts of time comparing yourself (looks, family, career, etc.) to someone else you perceive to be better or worse off than you? When you do this, where are you finding your identity? Where should you find your identity?
5. Have you ever worked hard for something only to be discouraged by the outcome? Have you ever built something that didn't turn out the way you wanted? What should be our response?
6. The Lord offers encouragement by telling them to "be strong", reminding them that "I am with you"; the same spirit that brought them out of Egypt. God gives them these reminders of His promises, why did He do this? Do you ever struggle believing God's promises to you? Does He need to constantly remind you, or do you believe His word and put your faith in Him/it?
7. Why did God remind them in verse 8 that He owns all of the gold and silver? What comfort should that give us? How should it impact the ways we plan and move forward as Jesus' church?
8. Do you give of your time, talent, and treasure in such a way that you demonstrate it's all a gift from God to begin with? Does your generosity reflect Jesus' generosity?