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# The Book of Haggai

***In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest.***

**The book is only two chapters  
just 38 verses long**

***Haggai 1:1***

**He addressed specific leaders: Zerubbabel, the governor, and Joshua, the high priest;  
the political and spiritual heads of the people**

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**The questions**

**We seek answers for:**

**What was their mission?**

**What went wrong? and**

**How did they get it back on track?**

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# **Their Mission**

***This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’”***

**Rebuild the Temple**

***Haggai 1:2***

**Ezra tells us they began with great enthusiasm**

**By the time Haggai arrives, the construction site was silent, tools collecting dust, and the scaffolding rusting away**

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# Get back to work

***Now Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the prophet, a descendant of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them.***

**Haggai and Zechariah were a team.**

***Ezra 5:1***

**One was the spark, the other the steady flame**

***“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.”***

***1 Corinthians 3:6***

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# Complete Success

*Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jozadak set to work to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem. And the prophets of God were with them, supporting them.*

***Ezra 5:2***

**It was only a success because people did not just hear the message they responded to it**

**God can send messages all day long but if we won't move, nothing ever changes**

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# Complete Success

Haggai also took an unusual approach; he didn't just preach he participated

He did not preach and run; Haggai teaches us that accomplishing God's mission isn't about titles; it's about presence

Not just show up Physically (**Attendance**)

It must be Mentally (**Engaged**)      Emotionally (**Invested**)

Even Spiritually (**Focused on the Mission**)

Supported the Leaders (**Team Effort**)



# Misdirected Priorities

***Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”***

***Haggai 1:3–4***

**When you raised your hand to follow, did that become part of your to-do list or the top of it?**

**They came home to rebuild God’s house but got busy rebuilding their own**

**And in their lives, they were always too busy for God’s business**

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# Self-Centered Busyness

***Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much but harvested little. You eat but never have enough. You drink but never have your fill. You put on clothes but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”***

***Haggai 1:5–6***

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# Self-Centered Busyness

They worked hard but for themselves

They focused on survival, comfort, and savings but never had enough

There was always time to do what they wanted to do, but it was never the right time to do what God called them to do

They were too busy chasing their own satisfaction to **make time** for God

Their priorities were flipped, their schedules packed and their effort for God was missing

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# Lack of Effort

***This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.***

***Haggai 1:7–8***

**God called them to build His house,  
not to subcontract it out**

**He would be with them but not do it for them. (*Luke 14:23*)**

**God's mission moves  
when His people move**

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# Lack of Understanding

***You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands***

***Haggai 1:9–11***

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# **Lack of Understanding**

**They neglected God's mission and wondered why nothing worked out**

**God Reminded Them: He is the source of every blessing and without Him, even hard work produces drought**

**God's messenger exposed their excuses, confronted their comfort, and called them back to purpose**

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# From Excuses to Obedience

***Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.***

***Haggai 1:12***

**That's the pattern of revival: Obedience, Reverence, and Response**

**Those actions inspired them to Get back to Work  
(***Haggai 1:13–15***)**

**“I am with you.”**

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# **That's the Turning Point!**

**Through Haggai's message God stirred the spirit of the leaders, and the leaders stirred the spirit of the people**

**Within twenty-three days, construction had restarted**

**That's because when obedience meets God's presence, momentum returns**

# Looking Forward

***“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place, I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”***

***Haggai 2:6–9***

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# **Fulfilling Mission**

**Zerubbabel's temple, as it came to be known, was the temple during Jesus' ministry**

- **Where He amazed teachers at 12**
- **Where He preached and healed**
- **Where He overturned the money changers' tables**
- **Where the curtain tore at His death**
- **It wasn't the biggest. It wasn't the most beautiful. But it fulfilled God's purpose**

**For God's Mission to Move Forward  
Leaders must lead, workers must work,  
and all must follow God's call**

**Otherwise, the worksite lies silent, the mission stalls, and  
the world goes unreached**

**But when God's people rise up, when they put His mission  
first, He says; "I am with you."**

**Are we still moving with Him?**



'I am with you

*Always*

**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**

