

The Hard Right

Haggai Series | Week 1

- In 587 B.C., King Nebuchadnezzar and his army crushed the Southern Kingdom of Judah, destroying the temple.
- The Jews were taken into captivity for decades.
- In 538 B.C., about 50,000 people were allowed to travel back to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, to rebuild.

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

Haggai 1:2

Choose the hard right over the easy wrong.

It’s Time

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?” Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.”

Haggai 1:3-5

Are you putting your own comfort ahead of His calling?

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 1:6

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

Haggai 1:7-8

1. Go to the mountain.
2. Bring down the timber.
3. Build my house.

The way to get started is to quit talking and start doing.

Group Questions

Has your life ever looked like Haggai 1:6? What have you learned from that period?

Which area of your life do you most need to rebuild your devotion to God?

Describe what your three steps to laying a new foundation
– based on Haggai 1:8 – might look like.

Have you ever had to lay a new foundation in your life
before? What worked? How did it turn out?

What are some practical ways you'll make God's work your
priority? Write a list and put it on your fridge.

Do something for someone else or for the church instead of
yourself this week. Then, make it a new habit.