

**Church of the Valley**  
**Is it time?**  
**November 8, 2020**

**THE BOOK OF HAGGAI - REFLECTION POINTS**

**POINT #1 DOES MY TIMING CONFLICT WITH GOD'S?**

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

Theme: Exiles were sent back to rebuild the temple.

Relevance to us: We are the temple of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9

**POINT #2 WHAT HAS TAKEN PRIORITY OVER YOUR SPIRITUAL ADVANCEMENT?**

3 Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" Haggai 1:3-4

Theme: Discouraged and concerned the exiles shifted their priority.

Relevance to us: Regardless of changing circumstances - keep God first

**POINT #3 GOD COMMUNICATES TO US THROUGH OUR FRUSTRATIONS.**

5 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 6 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." 7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 8 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. 9 "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. Haggai 1:5-9

Theme: God uses frustrations/anxieties in life to communicate with us.

Relevance to us: Rejoice in difficulties, God is using it to grow your faith.

#### **POINT 4 CHOOSE REALIGNMENT, GOD IS WAITING.**

"...And the people feared the Lord. 13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord. 14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit (in the leaders and the people). They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God". Haggai 1:12-14

Theme: Hear God's message and respond.

Relevance to us: When we yield to God, His Spirit in us will stir us to do His will. Yes! It is time to build your temple in us!

#### **2020 Application**

##### **BE STRONG - GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!**

Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. Haggai 2:4

##### **EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD!**

'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty. 9 '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 2:8-9

##### **MAKE IT A HABIT TO DAILY ENCOURAGE SOMEONE**

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:13