



THE BEST IS YET TO COME

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Haggai 2: 1-9

Some temple history...

Haggai 2:1-3

The people of Israel did what God said...

And were discouraged with the result

Principle #1: Spiritual Commitments are always put to the test.

What do you do when you feel like giving up?

1. Decide to follow-through by:

- Strengthening your mental resolve (vs. 4)
- Seeing yourself through God's eyes (vs. 4)
- Getting back to work (vs. 4)

2. Rely on God's promise to be with you (vs. 4-5)

Principle #2: Genuine spiritual progress is only made with God's presence and power.

3. Enlarge your vision of what God is doing through your life (vs. 6-9)

Principle #3: God's vision is always bigger and broader than our vision.

Next Steps

- I will follow through on something that God has asked me to do.
- I will memorize Matthew 28:19-20 as a reminder of Jesus' continuous presence in my life.
- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on winter break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during the break.

1. What great expectations of yours have fallen short?
2. **READ Haggai 2:1-3.** What feelings does the former Temple (Solomon's Temple) stir up in the people?
3. **READ Haggai 2:4-5.** How does God address these feelings?

4. **READ Haggai 2:6-9.** What does the "desired of all nations" refer to?
5. How might God's words through Haggai have encouraged and empowered the people in their disappointment?
6. What disappointments do you have in life right now? How can God's words encourage and empower you?
7. Looking forward, how might God be working through these disappointments to be building you into a temple of His glory?