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Haggai 1:1–15

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, the governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest:

² *"The LORD of Armies says this: These people say: The time has not come for the house of the LORD to be rebuilt."*

³ *The word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ "Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?" ⁵ Now, the LORD of Armies says this: "Think carefully about your ways:*

⁶ *You have planted much but harvested little. You eat but never have enough to be satisfied. You drink but never have enough to be happy. You put on clothes but never have enough to get warm. The wage earner puts his wages into a bag with a hole in it."*

⁷ *The LORD of Armies says this: "Think carefully about your ways. ⁸ Go up into the hills, bring down lumber, and build the house; and I will be pleased with it and be glorified," says the LORD. ⁹ "You expected much, but then it amounted to little. When you brought the harvest to your house, I ruined it. Why?" This is the declaration of the LORD of Armies. "Because my house still lies in ruins, while each of you is busy with his own house.*

¹⁰ *So on your account, the skies have withheld the dew and the land its crops. ¹¹ I have summoned a drought on the fields and the hills, on the grain, new wine, fresh oil, and whatever the ground yields, on man and animal, and on all that your hands produce."*

¹² *Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, and the entire remnant of the people obeyed the LORD their God and the words of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. So the people feared the LORD.*

¹³ *Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, delivered the LORD's message to the people: "I am with you — this is the LORD's declaration."*

¹⁴ *The LORD roused the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, the spirit of the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. They began work on the house of the LORD of Armies, their God, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius. Haggai 1*

Sermon Outline

Here is the outline to the chapter 1 of Haggai

- I. Obedience invites resistance (1-4)
- II. Disobedience invites God's resistance (5-11)
- III. God blesses obedience (12-15)



Life Group Leader Notes:

Michael gave a great illustration about the creative process. Have you experienced something similar when you create something new? Was the turmoil worth the effort?

The Israelites encountered resistance when they were released to rebuild the temple and their community. Not only were they resisted by the Samaritans, but they were also frustrated with the sub-par nature of the renovated temple and became distracted from their mission. Think of a time where you stepped out to do something for God's Kingdom (however great or small). Did you encounter similar resistance?

Michael explained to us that the Israelites never said NO to God, but rather, they said "I'll do it later," seemingly wrapping a no within a yes. Why is this such a normal response for us? Why do you think we are inclined to push off tomorrow what we can do right now?

"We are the most affluent society and yet we are the most discontent and anxious." Does this ring true for you? Why do you think that is, and why are we so ready to put our satisfaction in something we know is unfulfilling?

When the Israelites focused on building their own kingdoms and homes, God frustrated their plans, which Michael said was a blessing from God's hand. Discuss with your group how this is a blessing and how it displays God's character.

When the people were confronted with their error, they actually repented and obeyed (contrary to most other OT stories), and God blessed their obedience. We were reminded that God's blessings = God's presence + God's power and not simply material blessings like paneled houses of our own. How can we encourage one another to serve God today in light of this truth?

