

THE HARD RIGHT
The Time Is Now – Part 1
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Events That Stirred the Hearts of the Jews ...

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

Haggai 1:2 (NIV) *“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘These people say, The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’”*

The closer we get to doing something that matters to God’s heart, the more likely we are to face opposition.

CHOOSE THE HARD RIGHT OVER THE EASY WRONG.

Is there an unfinished assignment in your life?

Haggai 1:3-5 (NIV) *“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?’ ⁵ Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Give careful thought to your ways.’”*

Haggai 1:6 (NIV) *“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 1:7-8 (NIV) *“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.”*

God gives three steps to rebuild the temple:

1. **Go up** into the mountains.
2. **Bring down** the timber.
3. **Build** My house.

Psalms 119:105 (NIV) *“Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”*

To take care of your body...

- **Eat** right.
- Get **exercise** and **sleep**.
- **Honor** God.

To get your finances in order...

- Get **help**.
- Live on a **budget**.
- Climb out of **debt**.

To have a Better Marriage...

- **Humble** yourself.
- **Apologize** for what you've done wrong.
- Do what you did at **first**.

Galatians 5:16 (NIV) *“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”*

Galatians 5:25 (NIV) *“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”*

**If there's an unfinished assignment:
quit talking and start doing.**

Obedience is your responsibility.

Outcome is God's responsibility.

The time is now. Give careful thought to your ways.