

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: The Time Is Now

Week 2: Dealing with Discouragement

Recap: Solomon built temple-Worship idols. 587 BC-Babylonians crushed Jerusalem. Jews were in captivity 70 years. Zerubbabel (governor) led people back-Started new Temple- Opposition-Quit! God raised up Haggai-Time is Now. Put Me first-Build my house!

Haggai 1:13-14: God will often stir up your spirit. God gives you hope to accomplish something that God puts on your mind. A month goes by-Stop building! Started with enthusiasm! One month later- Stalled out!

Start strong-Set back-Discouragement sets in

When we don't make the progress we think that we should make, we get incredibly discouraged

Word of the Lord comes through Haggai-God says, Ask them... **Haggai 2:3** God is trying to get to the root of their discouragement.

THE CAUSES OF DISCOURAGEMENT

- **COMPARISONS**
- **LACK OF PROGRESS.**

Comparing our start with someone else's finish! Many old enough remember Solomon's temple. Gold, Silver, Jewels-Compared to old-Not impressive! There is No Win in Comparison!

Lack of Progress: Started building. Not going like we expected. Not worth it! Marriage- kids wise choices- Make friends-Feel alone, Fighting temptation-Can't overcome! Want to give up!

I'm not where I thought I would be.

Haggai 2:4 (Go up, bring down, build)

BE STRONG.

DO THE WORK.

When you feel like giving up-Don't! Stay strong. Keep working.

Not seeing results-Be strong-Do the work!

Doesn't say: Dream the dream-Do the work.

Talk the talk-Do the work.

Compare with others-Do the work.

Put down another brick. Didn't seem to make a difference. Do the work. Stay consistent to what God showed you to do.

TRUTH: Successful people do consistently what normal people do occasionally.

Consistently do hard right over easy wrong. Keep Praying-Studying-Giving-Witnessing!

Galatians 6:

Why? **For I am with you!**

Haggai 2:6-9: Glory of present temple-greater than former-Mind blowing truth! Used to go to temple-make sacrifices to get to God.

You're temple! He sacrificed son to get to you! **Jesus is the greater glory!**