



## Exposing Our Excuses

Haggai: A Wake Up Call for a Sleeping Giant - Part 1 of 3

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**Big Idea:** When it comes to the mission of God, God's people can either make excuses or make progress.

**Text:** Haggai 1:1-11 (ESV)

**Excuse #1)** \_\_\_\_\_.

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest: "Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD." Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. – Haggai 1:1-6 (ESV)

**All Christians have** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Each Christian has a** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Excuse #2)** \_\_\_\_\_.

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD. You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house." – Haggai 1:7-9 (ESV)

**When it comes to my calendar, I am the** \_\_\_\_\_, **not the** \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ **to the mission of God and** \_\_\_\_\_ **are not mutually exclusive.**

**MEMORY VERSE**

*Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets.  
And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him,  
becoming a holy temple for the Lord.*

**EPHESIANS 2:20-21 (NLT)**