

HOW TO BREAK FREE FROM SPIRITUAL COMPLACENCY

Standalone Message

Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 9:00am and 11:00am

Text: Haggai 1:1-2:19

Big Idea: Our spiritual life was meant to be filled with vitality and growth. We have the ability to make choices to break free from spiritual complacency

John 10:10b

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Haggai 1:3-5

3 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. 6 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 1:9

“Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.

CHOOSE God’s Kingdom OVER Our Kingdom (1:3-6, 1:9b)

Matthew 6:25-34

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not

worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Haggai 1:6

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."

CHOOSE Community OVER Isolation (1:12b; 1:14b)

Haggai 1:12b

and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.

Haggai 1:14b

and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God,

Hebrews 10:24-25

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Haggai 1:9a

9 "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little.

Haggai 1:13

13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord.

Haggai 2:3-5

3 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? 4 But now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares

the Lord. 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. 5 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'

CHOOSE Empowerment OVER Disappointments (1:9; 1:13; 2:3-5)

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." - Martin Luther King Jr.

Isaiah 41:10

10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Haggai 2:15-19

15 "Now give careful thought to this from this day on—consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the Lord's temple. 16 When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When anyone went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty. 17 I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not return to me,' declares the Lord. 18 'From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid. Give careful thought: 19 Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit.

CHOOSE Celebrating OVER Forgetting (2:15-19)

Psalms 77:11

11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.