

Encounter these verses today:

(circle) words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...



Haggai 1 [NIV] :: A Call to Rebuild God's House ::

¹ 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, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest:

² This is what the LORD Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come for the LORD's house to be built.'"

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 have 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."

⁷ 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 the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the LORD. ⁹ "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. ¹⁰ Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. ¹¹ I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, 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.

¹³ Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: "I am with you," declares the LORD. ¹⁴ So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, 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, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of King Darius.

Haggai 2:20-23 (NIV) :: Big Plans for Zerubbabel ::

²⁰ The word of the LORD came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month: ²¹ "Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I will shake the heavens and the earth. ²² I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother.

²³ " 'On that day,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,' declares the LORD Almighty."



What is God speaking to you this morning ...



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[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 6.28.2010

Reading: Haggai 1:6-11

Let's begin our week by reconsidering our message from Sunday. Do you often feel spiritually lethargic and weak? Can you identify with the prophets words here?

Think about it:

How does understanding that God is "with you" (v. 13) help you during times of struggle and weakness?

Pray for: *Families: Christopher & Close*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 6.29.2010

Reading: Haggai 2:1-9

This is the second divinely inspired message Haggai delivers to the leaders and people of Israel. In this message, the Lord adds "be strong" to the understanding that He was with them.

Think about it:

Sometimes, knowing He is with us isn't enough. Sometimes, we need to be brave, obedient, and trusting. How does the message of "be strong" impact your spiritual journey?

Pray for: *Families: Coe & Cole*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 6.30.2010

Reading: Haggai 2:20-23

This is the fourth and final message that Haggai delivers and it's directly to Zerubbabel. Following a call to get back to the basics, Haggai tells the governor that God has big plans for him.

Think about it:

Do you feel that God can use you? Do you believe that God needs to use you? Obedience brings the strength of God's Spirit upon ALL of His people!

Pray for: *Families: Cross & Curtis*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 7.01.2010

Reading: Judges 6:1-10

With today's reading, we are beginning to turn our attention toward this Sunday's message. Our hero is about to come onto the scene ... but before he does ... we see Israel (once again) being mistreated by another nation: the Midianites (remember where Jethro was from?).

Think about it:

God's call in verse 10 was clear. How are you doing with walking in obedience with God? Room to improve?

Pray for: *Families: Day & Dearlove*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 7.02.2010

Reading: Judges 6:11-16

When the Lord's servant finds Gideon, he is hiding from his enemy. Not the ideal place you hope to discover your new warrior leader, I would guess.

Think about it:

Do you ever feel like you spend so much energy hiding from your enemy or those you don't get along with? God can use anyone!

Pray for: *Families: Dockins & Dougherty*

Reflections: _____

Saturday: 7.03.2010

Reading: Judges 6:33-40

It's "freedom weekend" in America. Our freedom wasn't free - it cost many their life. Gideon was about to experience battle and the struggle of war. His "fleece" might seem like a sign of weakness, or a strong desire to obey perfectly.

Think about it:

Have you every given God a similar "test" to prove the next step for you life? Think of a time that God gave you a sign that he was working in your spiritual story.

Pray for: *Families: Duvendeck & Endicott*

Reflections: _____

