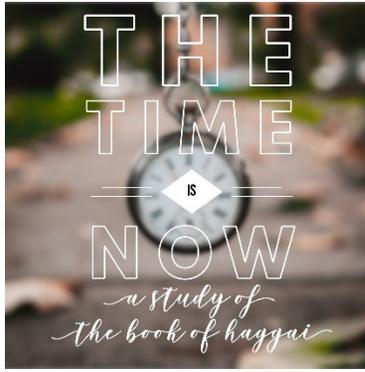


THE TIME IS NOW – Week #1
You Can Do Hard Things
February 13, 2022



Start with a little history
of the Nation of Israel:

- 12 tribes of Israel established from the 12 sons of Jacob
- Around 975 BC King Solomon builds the most magnificent **temple** for God in Jerusalem
- Around 930 BC Israel **divides** into two kingdoms
 - Northern Kingdom (Israel)
 - Southern Kingdom (Judah)
- Around 586 BC King Nebuchadnezzar and his army **invade** the Southern kingdom of Judah
 - **Destroy** Solomon's temple in Jerusalem
 - Take the Jews into **captivity** for decades.
- Around 538 BC, about 50,000 were allowed to travel back to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, to **rebuild**.

(You can watch all weeks of The Stand sermon series on the Book of Daniel from 4/25/21-5/16/21 & 5/30/21 at www.justchurch.net/watch or <https://www.youtube.com/c/JustChurchWorship>)

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.’”*

Haggai 1:3-4 (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?”*

Haggai 1:5 (NIV) *Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.”*

John 16:33 (NIV) *I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

The RIGHT way is NOT EASY
and the EASY way is NOT RIGHT

Philippians 4:13 (NIV) *I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

The question IS NOT whether it is HARD,
the question IS whether you are CALLED.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB) *If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.*

Haggai 1:5-7 (NIV) *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.”*
⁷ *This is what the LORD Almighty says: **“Give careful thought to your ways.”****



Haggai 1:4-5 (MSG) *How is it that it's the 'right time' for you to live in your **fine new homes** while the Home, GOD's Temple, is in ruins? Take a good, hard look at your life. Think it over.*

Haggai 1:7-8 (NIV) *This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 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*

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

TAKE IT FURTHER:

- Think about a time when God put something on your heart. How did you respond? Did you follow His leading or did it seem too hard?
- Do you have any "unfinished assignments" – something God called you to that you haven't answered? What is holding you back from taking that first step?

CHALLENGE:

- Pray on the first step toward what God has put on your heart.
- Seek counsel from His word so it may illuminate the next steps on your path.
- Share what God has put on your heart with someone else who you can trust to lovingly hold you accountable to take that first step.

UPCOMING EVENTS at JC:

BIBLE STUDY BASICS LIFEGROUP – every Sunday morning before service at 9am in the Café

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – 2/19/22 – 9AM JC/ Ray of Light Space above A1 Deli

MEN'S BREAKFAST – 3/5/22 – 8AM JC/Ray of Light Space above A1 Deli

CELEBRATE RECOVERY – Every Thursday night 6:30pm

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEN'S STEP STUDY – Starting 2/17/22 at 7:30pm

Re-watch any of our past messages at
<https://www.facebook.com/JustChurchHaverhill/>
www.justchurch.net/watch or
<https://www.youtube.com/c/JustChurchWorship>

