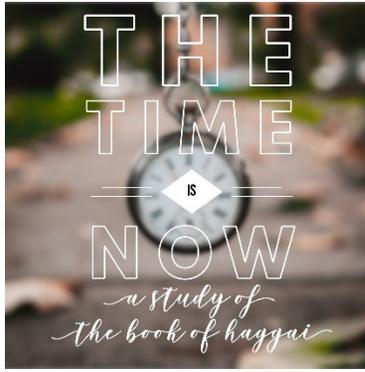


THE TIME IS NOW – Week #2
Enduring Through Discouragement
February 20, 2022



Haggai 1:13-15 (NIV) *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 Jozadak, 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, on the twenty-fourth day of the **sixth** month.*

Haggai 2:1(NIV) *on the twenty-first day of the **seventh** month*

Haggai 2:3 (NIV) *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?*

2 Main Causes that Often Lead to Discouragement

- FIRST - Lack of progress
- SECOND – Comparison

Haggai 2:4-5 (NIV) *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.**’*

V. 4-5 (MSG) ‘So get to work, Zerubbabel!’—GOD is speaking.

“**Get to work,** Joshua son of Jehozadak—high priest!”

“**Get to work,** all you people!’—GOD is speaking.

“Yes, **get to work! For I am with you.**’ The GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies is speaking! ‘Put into action the word I covenanted with you when you left Egypt. **I’m living and breathing among you right now.** Don’t be timid. Don’t hold back.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV) *He gives **strength** to the weary and increases the **power** of the weak.*

³⁰ *Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;*



³¹ **but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.**

*They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Successful people do consistently what many people do occasionally.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

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

Haggai 2:6-9 (MSG) *This is what GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies said: 'Before you know it, I will shake up sky and earth, ocean and fields. And I'll shake down all the godless nations. They'll bring bushels of wealth and I will fill this Temple with splendor.' GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies says so.*

⁸ *'I own the silver,
I own the gold.'*

Decree of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies

⁹ *“This **Temple is going to end up far better than it started out**, a glorious beginning but an even more glorious finish: a place in which I will hand out **wholeness** and **holiness**.’ Decree of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies.”*

TAKE IT FURTHER:

- Do you struggle with discouragement? In the past, how have you handled it?
- What is often the source of your discouragement? Lack of progress? Comparison? Something else?
- How does knowing that God is with you and you have the freedom of working his His strength affect your outlook?
- Do you believe God's Holy Spirit dwells in you? If not, pray on who Jesus is to you and whether you are ready to take the first step of faith by accepting Him as Lord.

SINNER'S PRAYER:

God, I know I'm a sinner. I can't fix myself.
But I believe you can. Come into my life.
And make me new. I give myself to you.
In Jesus' name, I pray.

UPCOMING EVENTS at JC:

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

JUST KIDS STARTS BACK UP NEXT SUNDAY - 2/27/22

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY – Every Thursday night
Large Group @ 6:30pm, Small Groups @ 7:30

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

