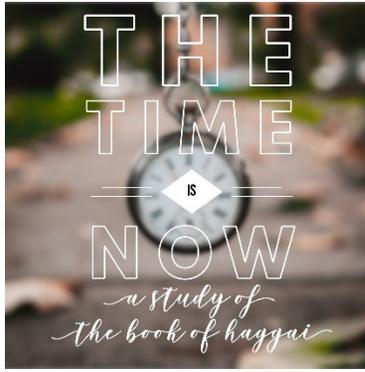


THE TIME IS NOW – Week #3
The Blessing of Obedience
February 27, 2022



Haggai 2:10-19 (NIV) *On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet “This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Ask the priests what the law says: ¹² If someone carries consecrated meat in the fold of their garment, and that fold touches some bread or stew, some wine, olive oil or other food, does it become consecrated?’” The priests answered, “No.”*

¹³ Then Haggai said, “If a person defiled by contact with a dead body touches one of these things, does it become defiled?” “Yes,” the priests replied, “it becomes defiled.”

¹⁴ Then Haggai said, “‘So it is with this people and this nation in my sight,’ declares the LORD. ‘Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled.’”

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. **“‘From this day on I will bless you.’”**”*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) *For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Psalms 139:14 (NIV) *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well*

Luke 6:27-28 (NIV) *But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*

Luke 6:29-30 (MSG) *If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more payback. Live generously.*

God does not give us options to consider, but rather commands to obey

Haggai 2:12 (NLT) *If one of you is carrying some meat from a holy sacrifice in his robes and his robe happens to brush against some bread or stew, wine or olive oil, or any other kind of food, will it also become holy?’” The priests replied, “No.”*



1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) *Do not be misled: **Bad company corrupts good character***

**When your heart isn't right with God,
everything you do will be wrong**

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV) *So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ **leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person.** Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.*

Haggai 1:5-6 (NIV) 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.**"*

Luke 10:27 (NIV) *Love the Lord your God with **all your heart** and with **all your soul** and with **all your strength** and with **all your mind**; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.*

TAKE IT FURTHER:

- Where in your life are you only offering God conditional obedience? How can you change this?
- Think of a time when the Scripture "*Bad company corrupts good character*" proved to be true in your life? Were you the good character or the bad company? What changes have you made/do you need to make to ensure this doesn't happen again?
- Is your heart right with God? If not, what steps can you take to fix that?

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:

JUST KIDS STARTS BACK UP TODAY!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR KAREN FRYNS – Just Church, Thursday 3/3/22 doors open at 4pm. Service starts at 5pm.
RAY OF LIGHT 2ND ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Just Church, Friday 3/4/22 at 6:30pm. Music, testimony and remembering the life and legacy of Ray Ray Ferragamo.

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

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – 3/19/22 – 9am JC/Ray of Light Space above A1 Deli

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

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/JustChurchWorship>

