

HAGGAI

– Every Word: summer series in the small books –

“No Satisfaction”

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Scripture: Haggai 1

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My to-DONE list tells people more about God's value than my to-do list.

Key Verse: “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.” Hag 1:4–5.

Outline of Haggai 1

1:1-6 Reconsidered.

1:7-11 Reorganized

1:12-15 Recommitted.

1. Reconsidered.

- a. You have _____ much, and harvest _____.
- b. ... You eat, but you never have _____;
- c. ... you drink, but you never have your _____.
- d. You clothe yourselves, but no one is _____.

- e. And he who earns _____ does so to put them
into a bag with _____.

2. Reorganized.

- a. Thus says the Lord of hosts, " _____ your
ways."
- b. 1 Sam. 15:22-23
- c. Not the people SHOULDNT have _____
Or _____
Or _____
But _____ things _____.

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than your to-___ list.

3. Recommitted.

- a. Then... all the remnant of the people, _____
the voice of the LORD _____ God..
- b. "I am _____ you, declares the _____."

Getting Started:

Read the Book of Haggai

What is currently on your to-do list? What has been on the list for the longest, without getting done?

What has recently been completed from the to-do list? Why was that task completed, instead of something else?

Where do things like reading your Bible, or praying fall on your daily or weekly planning? Are they scheduled or reserved for "free time?"

What would it look like to prioritize your relationship with God when planning your day or week?

Digging Deeper:

Read Haggai 1:1-6.

What was the problem the LORD was addressing through Haggai? Were the people NOT supposed to build themselves homes upon returning?

Think about the problems in verse six. What areas in your life do YOU look for satisfaction?

Read Haggai 7-11.

Why do you think God orders the people action, as opposed to calling for repentance as he has done elsewhere in scripture?

The ongoing punishment in verses 10-11 seems harsh, especially for a people JUST coming out of exile. Why would God do this? *(If it helps, think back to Nahum 1:1-7 from last week.)*

Haggai 1:12-15

Summarize the people's response in your own words.

Summarize God's response to their response.

What can we learn from this interaction?

Getting Real:

What is your to-done list telling others about God's value to you? What tangible steps can you take to prioritize Him in your life?

Bonus: Parents, what is your to-done list telling your kids about God's value and how can you adjust family priorities to teach them about Him?

Pray Together:

Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, John, Paul and (your name here)... Forgive us for the times we have prioritized tasks ahead of our relationship with you. Forgive us for allowing stress about today, this week or month to cloud our view of what really matters. Give us courage to put you first in our busy lives, and amidst long to-do lists. Thank you for being our God and for never giving up on us. Amen.