



EZRA 4:4 Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building.

DISCOURAGEMENT WAS THE TOOL THAT THE ENEMY USED TO GET THE WORK OF REBUILDING THE TEMPLE TO STOP.

HAGGAI 1:2 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord's house.'"

HAGGAI 1:5 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways.

THREE CAUSES OF DISCOURAGEMENT IN OUR LIVES:

1. What We Remember.

HAGGAI 2:3 '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?

- Remembering the past isn't a bad thing, but living there is.

HAGGAI 2:4

2. What We Forget.

HAGGAI 2:5 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'

- Satan will attempt to discourage us through either unbelief or forgetfulness towards God's promises.

PSALM 130:5, PSALM 78:9-11

- Don't let your heart be ruled by what you see, but by what God has promised.

3. What We Compare.

"Comparison will either make you feel prideful or depressed but never fulfilled."

THREE CURES FOR DISCOURAGEMENT:

- **Let go. (Haggai 2:3)**

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14 'I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

- **Look up. (Haggai 2:4-5)**

PSALM 121:1-2 'I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

- **Look ahead. (Haggai 2:9)**

WE NEVER KNOW HOW GOD WILL USE OUR EFFORTS FOR HIS GLORY IN THE FUTURE.

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