

Work, for I am with you
Ezra 5:1-2

Do you need to re-order your priorities in this new year? Our text brings us to a moment in the lives of the returnees from captivity, when the Word of the Lord came to them through two prophets, Haggai and Zechariah... and there was a revival. The prophets came to disrupt their lives and change the course of their labors. In this message we will focus on Haggai. The questions we need to ask ourselves are these: How is the maintenance of my life getting in the way of building the kingdom of God? How are my affections distracting me from a greater work? How, in my daily routines am I neglecting building the temple of God.

Words for children to listen for: *rebuild the temple, Great Commission, work, neglecting, bag with holes, blew it away, time and money, rinky dink, Desire of All Nations, I will*

I. Ezra 5:1-2, Haggai and Zechariah awaken the people out of their neglect

II. Haggai 1-2 – Four messages to re-energize

The first message – You are obsessed with your own houses – consider your ways, 1:1-15

The second message – stop devaluing the temple – be strong, 2:1-9

The third message, your associations don't make you holy, 2:10-19

The fourth message – I promise to bless you, 2:20-23

Applications: