Sunday, November 8, 2026
Wake up! Reprioritize!

Main Text: Haggai 1–2
As we journey ahead in life, we often move forward making our own plans, pursuing personal goals and trying to build a better life. We become busy without being fruitful. We could be neglecting areas that truly matter.

We must wake up when we become oblivious to the things that ought to be obvious.

Reflect and consider: *Where am I going? What am I building? Is my life moving in the direction God desires for me?*

The message that God gave the people of Judah through Haggai teaches us some lessons

Background of Haggai:
After the Babylonian exile, a first group of Jewish exiles returned to Jerusalem around 538 BC. They were under the leadership of Zerubbabel, a descendant of King David, and Joshua the high priest. They returned with the hope of rebuilding their city and the temple that had been destroyed by the Babylonian empire. They laid the foundation of the temple. But soon opposition and discouragement from outside caused the work to stop.

Over time, the people settled into their own lives and began rebuilding their houses - while the temple remained in ruins.

In 520 BC, 18 years after their return, God sent the prophet Haggai to challenge them to consider their ways. Through Haggai, God called them to wake up, consider their ways, and resume the work He had entrusted to them

God sent Haggai with a message to Wake up and reprioritize.

Haggai 1:5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Consider your ways!'

Haggai 1:7 Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Consider your ways!'

The Hebrew to "consider your ways" means to pay close attention, fix, or set, urging the people to stop and carefully assess the state of their lives rather than mindlessly drifting.

Today we look at four wake-up calls from the book of Haggai.

As we listen we keep this one question central: *Have I become so busy building my life my way that I have neglected what God has purposed for me?*

I. Wake up from misplaced priorities

Haggai 1:2- 4
Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built." Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"

God draws attention to what had become oblivious to the people.

The people prioritized their own houses that they had lost sight of God's house and His priorities. He challenges the imbalance the attention their own houses were receiving while God's house remained in ruins. They had to stop, reflect and consider the gap between what God had called them to do and what they were actually doing.

Just like the people, we too can begin with good intentions. We may begin with a lot of enthusiasm, a passion to serve God and to follow Him. But we become discouraged and distracted or even so occupied with the regular demands of everyday life, that, gradually what was once important to us takes a back seat. We may be oblivious to how far we have drifted from what God has called us to do.

Does God's presence and purposes get the best of us and our energy? Or often is it the leftovers after everything has been taken care of? It is time to examine our priorities.

Haggai 1:5 -7
Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways! You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes." Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!

Vs 6 described the people living a life of constant effort with nothing to show for it. God points out that they were working hard but it was not satisfying or fulfilling.
The returns or the result did not compare to the effort.
They had plenty to eat, but were never full.
Their needs were taken care, but there was no contentment.

They earned money, but they had bags with holes.

Their self-centered priorities kept them from experiencing the blessing God wanted for them.

A LIFE BUILT ON SELF-CENTERED PRIORITIES WILL ALWAYS FEEL EMPTY, NO MATTER HOW GREAT OUR EFFORTS MAY BE.

God's presence - the priority
God wants His presence to be priority. His glory, His name, and His reputation comes first

Haggai 1:8-9
"Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD. "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.

Unlike the people of Judah, we are not building a stone temple. God does not live in a house made with hands (Acts 17:24). He lives in us. Together, we are the temple where his Spirit dwells. His desire is to dwell in us and display His glory and He wants to rule and reign in us, and through us

1 Corinthains 3:16
Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

After this call, the people woke up- they obeyed the voice of the Lord. The Lord encourages them with His presence and stirs up the hearts of Zerubbabel, Joshua and the people and they worked on the house of the Lord. (Haggai 1:12-15)

However, about four weeks into the rebuilding, their excitement faded and discouragement set in. The people began to compare what they were building to what had seen there before. The older people remembered the grand and impressive temple Solomon built.

They were stirred to act, but the moment they measure their work against the past glory of the Temple, their efforts felt meagre. The job at hand felt too big.

Haggai 2:2-3
"Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?

When we compare our work with something bigger or someone else's work, we can lose sight of God's purpose and become discouraged. We begin to value success as against obedience and this becomes a misplaced priority.

MISPLACED PRIORITIES DRAW OUR ATTENTION AWAY FROM GOD'S PRESENCE AND THE WORK HE HAS CALLED US TO DO.

II. Wake up to the God who is with you

Haggai 2:4 -5
4 'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.
5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'

When discouragement set in, God gave them a wake-up call, and it came in the form of a promise. Haggai 2:4-5 shows us how God answers a discouraged heart – 'Be strong…for I am with you…do not fear.'

Discouragement reaches everyone and so God assures and calls each one to be encouraged with His strength and presence.

The reason to be strong was never their ability or the size of the project. It was God's presence. This is exactly what they had become oblivious to. They were so busy looking at the small temple in front of them that they forgot the God who was with them.

We become oblivious to the truth that God is with us. We look at the size of the job and the smallness of our efforts and forget who is working beside us. What seems meagre, God can use, to do amazing things.

'Be strong' - is a call to remember that God partners with you. What we do, we do not do alone because the Spirit of God remains in us to do what He has called us to do.

Haggai 2:6 -9
6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;
7 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.
8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.
9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place, I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

God goes on to promise (Haggai 2:6–9) that this small, unimpressive temple will have a glory greater than the former one. God does not leave them with just a wake up call but backs it up with His promises

God promises to act Vs 6 -7: The work they were doing would be part of something much bigger than what they could see. God would move and their faithfulness would fit inside what He is doing.
We do not have to carry the outcome ourselves. Our job is to keep building, and God will carry out His purposes

God promises to fill the house with glory Vs 7: The glory would not come from the quality of their building. It would come from the presence of God. What makes God's house glorious is His presence and His glory.

God promises to provide Vs 8: God reminds the people that everything they needed belongs to Him and would come from Him.
When God asks us to build, He supplies what is required for the work.

God promises a greater glory and peace Vs 9: God gives them a hope for what lies ahead.

III. Wake up to holiness

Three months after they began building, the people were working on the altar of God and had been offering sacrifices on the restored altar (Ezra 3:2-6).

God sent Haggai to the priests with a question about holiness. Their work on the temple was the right thing to do, and sacrifices were already being offered on the altar. God raises holiness to show them that **doing God's work and purposes was not a substitute for a**

faithful relationship with him. He calls them to examine their lives and return back to him.

God emphasized that outward works did not make a person holy. He wanted a heart that turned fully back to Him.

Haggai 2:12 -14
12 "If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?" ' " Then the priests answered and said, "No."
13 And Haggai said, "If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?" So the priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."
14 Then Haggai answered and said, " 'So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' says the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

Haggai uses a short lesson from the priests. Holiness does not spread by touch the way that uncleanness does. A clean thing does not make a dirty thing clean however a dirty thing makes a clean thing unclean. He emphasizes that religious work cannot cancel out sin we are still holding onto.

It is possible to throw ourselves into religious activity while holding on to sin we have not repented of. This is something God sees clearly and we become oblivious to. When we sin and then try to offer something to God, we defile what we are offering.

Good works does not erase what has not been confessed. The sin touches what we offer. Only the atoning sacrifice God himself offers on our behalf can do that. Only He can forgive.

We can pour ourselves into serving and still be protecting a secret, a grudge, or a compromise.
Being involved in ministry does not erase the secret sin we are holding.
Reading the Bible and praying does not erase the gossip we keep doing
Being at church every week does not make us right with God.
Posting Scripture online does not replace honesty about how we really live.
Worship on Sunday doesn't cover how we live Monday.

The good news is that God does not leave it there. In the verses that follow, he promises blessing from the day the people turn back (2:19)

GOD CALLS US TO REPENTANCE AND HOLINESS. WORK DONE FOR GOD WITHOUT A HEART TURNED TOWARD HIM IS UNCLEAN.

IV. Wake up to the Kingdom that cannot be shaken

Haggai 2:21 -23
21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: 'I will shake heaven and earth.
22 I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots And those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, Every one by the sword of his brother.
23 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts."

In Haggai's day, Judah was a small and insignificant community who were surrounded by powerful kingdoms. God promised to shake the nations and bring their power down. Then God spoke of Zerubbabel, his chosen servant, and used the image of a signet ring- a seal representing the authority of its owner. Zerubbabel belonged to David's line, through which God's promise would ultimately lead to Jesus, the King in whom God's rule comes.

God gives Zerubbabel this promise when Judah is small and politically weak. The people could easily have thought that the powerful nations around them controlled the future. But God says he will shake the nations and overturn their power. No empire, government, or human authority lasts forever; God's purposes outlast them all.

Hebrews 12:28
Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Hebrews 12:28 reminds us about God's promise of shaking all the kingdoms. It also points us to the lasting truth that **we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**.
Nations, institutions, wealth, status, powers and even familiar ways of life can change and disappear. God's kingdom endures. Through Jesus, we belong to that kingdom and are called to serve God. We serve with reverence and godly fear.

God chose Zerubbabel to serve His purposes when Judah seemed small. In Christ, our worth and purpose also rest on God's choice—not on our position, influence, achievements, or results. When our lives are shaken—be it our health, finances,

reputation, relationships, or plans, we can face every uncertainty with hope. Because our deepest security is in God's unshakable kingdom.

So, consider how you can invest in what cannot be shaken: care for people, sharing and living out the gospel, making time for prayer, giving generously, loving others with the love of Christ and help others grow in faith. These are ways of serving God's kingdom.

SUMMARY:

God woke his people up four times through Haggai. He is still waking us up today to get our priorities right

1. Wake up to misplaced priorities (Haggai 1:2-9)
We are reminded to consider our ways and put God ahead of our priorities. The call is to seek his kingdom first (Matthew 6:33).

2. Wake up to the God who is with you (Haggai 2:4-9)
The reason to be strong while carrying out His purpose is His presence, not our ability.

3. Wake up to holiness (Haggai 2:10-19)
Being busy for God is not the same as being holy. God wants our hearts.

4. Wake up to the kingdom that cannot be shaken (Haggai 2:20-23; Hebrews 12:26-28)
Everything else can be shaken, but His kingdom cannot. Build your life on Jesus who will never fall.

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME
Minister as the Spirit leads

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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Sunday Sermon, November 08, 2026

The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation
Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our sermons page. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome
The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word
Read the following Scripture references*:*
Haggai 1,2
Hebrews 12:26-28

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together
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Q1, What do you identify as your misplaced priorities? What priorities may have drifted out of place, and what is God asking you to consider?

Q2, God desires holiness more than any of our religious activities or outward acts of service. Which area of your life is God calling you to pursue holiness more wholeheartedly?

Q3, How can you invest your graces, gifts and resources into God's unshakable kingdom?

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey
Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another
Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:
1, families to be protected and strengthened
2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.

USEFUL RESOURCES

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SERMON OUTLINE

This message is a wakeup call to examine where our priorities have drifted. Through the message God gave Haggai, we look at four wake up calls that speak clearly to us even today. Eighteen years after returning from exile, the people of Israel were comfortable in their own homes while God's house still lay in ruins. Over four wake-up calls, we look at what we prioritize first, the God who is with us, the call to holiness, and lastly how we must keep our hope on the Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

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