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The Upward Challenge: Haggai:
Haggai 1:15b-2:9
The Challenge of Humility

With God, the “good ol’ days” are always in front of you (1:15b–2:3)

“Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?” (Haggai 2:3).

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope” (Romans 15:13).

When you have a past with God you always have hope (2:4–5)

*“Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not”
(Haggai 2:4b-5).*

*“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”
(Isaiah 43:18-19).*

Remember, everything, including you, is the Lord’s (2:6–9)

“And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts” (Haggai 2:7).

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him” (Colossians 1:15-16).

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry ‘Mine!’” (Abraham Kuyper).

The Future Glory of the Temple

God's temple was in ruins.
Haggai encouraged the people to rebuild it. He told them what God said: "Who of you saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now?"

Find 15 differences.

