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The Upward Challenge: Haggai:
Haggai 2:10-19
The Challenge of Choosing Your Future

Sin is a virus and holiness the vaccine (2:10–14)

“Then Haggai answered and said, ‘So is it with this people, and with this nation before me, declares the LORD, and so with every work of their hands. And what they offer there is unclean’” (Haggai 2:14).

“And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh” (Jude 22, 23).

Discipline is not an option (2:15–17)

“Now then, consider from this day onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of the LORD, how did you fare?” (Haggai 2:15,16a).

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:1,2).

The beginning starts at the beginning (2:18–19)

“Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you” (Haggai 2:19).

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

