

## **Deep Water – Part 3**

**“Get Radical!!!”**

**November 10-11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Intro:**

**- Cape Coral Announcement**

**- This weekend we are going to look at an Obscure book of the Bible... Haggai. (Every one say Haggai...)**

**- But before we dig in to that, let me say a few words about NLC...**

**- Church, God has blessed us!!! B/c of your Generosity & Faithfulness, I can stand before you this weekend & boldly say that...**

**- Our church is not broke!      - We have a lot of margin!**

**- We are wise stewards!      - We have reserves.**

**- We have savings to put toward future initiatives God is leading us to.**

**- We are operating on 88% of last year's income!**

**- So this is not a Message motivated out of NEED!!!**

**- This is a message God dropped in my heart in July that I believe is motivated from the Heart of God to let us know about the Opportunity we ALL have in front of us!!!**

**- I believe God is up to something Supernatural in our midst & we all have a chance to be a part of it!!!**

**- I'm asking you to open your heart to that!!!**

**- Now to our Passage... Here's what's going on... They are a lot like us!!!**

**- God wanted to do a new thing in their region & impact more people than they ever had before!!!**

**- But God needed to mobilize His people to do it...**

**- So... He sends the prophet Haggai to expose 2 things:**

**1) To help the people see how they've been living, & then**

**2) To show them the opportunity that God had for them!!!**

**Haggai 1:1 “In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest:**

**v. 2-3 “This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’ Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai:**

**v. 4-5 “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.**

**v. 6 “You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but**

never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

What’s happening here???

*“First...”*

### **1. God reveals the People’s Mindset.**

- “The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house...”

A. When it comes to participating & prioritizing in the Lord’s House & what God is doing on the earth today... Most people in the world today & even in the Church World today, live by this mindset...

- “When I... Then I...”
- “Well, once I get \_\_\_\_\_, then I will be able to \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “Once our home is paid off,”
- “Once the kids are through college,
- “Once we move into our dream home,
- “Once we get the 2<sup>nd</sup> home,
- “Once we get the next thing we want,
- “Once we take that vacation...
- Then... we will be able to be more generous, sacrifice more, give more, serve more, do more, etc.

B. Haggai exposes that mindset & basically says, “Look at your life! You’re living pretty well & yet you say you don’t have

**enough to give to God's House!"**

**C. The "When I, Then I" Mindset holds so many believers paralyzed!!!**

**- It's a scheme of the devil to keep us from being as Generous as God wants us to be & from participating in God's Work on the Earth like God wants us to!!!**

**v. 5-6 again "Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."**

**v. 6 "You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."**

## **2. God reveals the Results.**

**A. God is like, "Look around... your approach isn't working as well as you think it is!!!"**

**- IOW, it's not producing in you the safety & security & fulfillment that you thought it would be by now!!!**

**B. It just seems like it's not working!!!**

**- So God Challenges them... What if there's a different way? What if there's a Better way?!?**

v. 7-8 “This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.”

### A Few Thoughts...

*“God wants us to...”*

**\* Stop living for our Level Ground & start Looking at His Higher Ground!**

- “Go up to the mountain...”

**A. Church – God has a “Mountain” he wants us to see & climb together!!!**

- We have a tremendous opportunities ahead of us... with the FM Land, the FMDC build out, launching CC next year!!!

- But it’s going to take all of us coming up to a “Higher Place” together!!!

v. 9 “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.

**\* Stop Expecting our Stuff & Lifestyle to bring us happiness & fulfillment & instead expect Me to do that for you!**

- It keeps blowing away...

**A. Some of us can't figure out why we're so unfulfilled in our life... it's b/c we are expecting our stuff to fulfill us, when**  
- **God is the only one that can do that!!!**

**B. Once we get a taste for eternal impact & transformation, we are never the same again!!!**

**\* Stop thinking that Busyness creating our own house can produce significance in our soul.**

- **Busyness for our own kingdom will never produce the significance that comes from Building God's Kingdom!!!**

**v. 10-11 "Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."**

- **Look at the Results...**

- **Unfulfilled at work, a bleak perspective on blessing, unsatisfied, spiritually dry, no sweetness, frustration, relational tension, weakness, meaninglessness.**

**B. Remember, God wants our Heart, not our stuff!**

- **But He will use Natural Things to teach us Spiritual Things!!!**

- **So God is basically going, "I'm gonna keep letting you be**

frustrated & fruitless & spiritually dry & relationally tense, so you'll turn to me!!!”

### **3. God reveals the Appropriate Response.**

v. 12 “Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.

v. 13 “Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: “I am with you,” declares the Lord.”

#### **A Few Observations:**

##### **A. The Leaders went 1<sup>st</sup>!!!**

- Zerubbabel & Joshua went first!!!
- SARAH & I have always tried to live this way!!!
  - This year God gave us a huge challenge!!!

##### **B. The people went next!!!**

- It says, “the whole remnant...”
- Imagine what God could do with a church full of people who get this?!?”

##### **C. The Lord went last!!!**

- God said, “I am with you...”

**- Do you know what's possible when God gets in the mix?!?**

**V. 14 “So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God...”**

**- When the Lord stirred them, they reordered their priorities & got to work on the God Opportunities in front of them & the result was GIGANTIC Impact!!!**

**KBers Update:**

**Challenges:**

**? What are we doing?**

**? What could we be doing?**

**? What changes do we need to make to start doing it?**