



## Small Groups Bible Study Teaching

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### Introduction:

#### Haggai 2:1-9

Maintain -----→ Go/Grow -----→ Glorify HIM

One of the aim of the recent BUILD campaign is **maintaining our Christian walk** while **going into the next level** (of faith life, prayer life, worship life, maturity life, ministry life, mission life, fellowship life and character). For the past eight weeks we have heard and studied powerful lessons that will help us build our Christian life. While there are many stages of life that brings excitement and encouragement - there are also opposing stages, events and seasons of life that will try to bring discouragement in many ways. This is why it is so important that while we go to the next level, we also maintain – that is, to *“live up to what we already have attained...”* Phil 3:16.

Maintenance is important - it is easy to begin a new ministry (or even a project) in the church because it is new and exciting... But it is tough to keep on when problems arise or when the results don't match what you are expecting, when the time comes that the glamour wears off and the only thing you can hang on is that you know that you know – that God has called you to do this work and so by God's grace, you will persevere in it...

Another example: It is easy to get married. But it's tough to hang in there and work through problems over a lifetime. Spending so much time for preparation and so much money to make the wedding glorious is one thing, and spending so much love, and cherish, and forgiveness, and understanding, and patience and perseverance to make the marriage glorious is another thing.

In other words, it is easy to start but it is tough to maintain, and there could be some discouraging times of building your Christian life...

Despite all of this, God always want to encourage and empower His people, He want us to persevere. God began His work in us and He is working through us, so that we can persevere in whatever He has given us to do for His kingdom. Just as the result of the people's building the temple in Haggai's day would bring more glory to God, so our obedience in building His spiritual temple – (our life and the church), will glorify Him.

The Lord wants to encourage you to **persevere for His glory**. Take a look at our passage this week:



## Haggai 2:1-9

<sup>1</sup> On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai:<sup>2</sup> “Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak,[a] the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them,<sup>3</sup> ‘Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?’

<sup>4</sup> But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. **Be strong**, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and **work**. For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty.<sup>5</sup> ‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. **Do not fear.**’

<sup>6</sup> “This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.’<sup>7</sup> I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty.<sup>8</sup> ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty.

<sup>9</sup> ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”

The Scripture above (Haggai 2:1-9) says to “**be strong**... and **work**” (v4) and “**do not fear**” (v5).

### 1. Be Strong: (a right Attitude)

**Be strong, be encouraged, be focused, be consistent..**

**The right attitude provides motivation.**

**Know God as personally and intimately as He may be known.**

One of our highest purpose which is instrumental in allowing us to achieve all others purposes and mandates, is to know God as personally and intimately as He may be known. There is an open door and a call to come up higher to a place of fellowship and exchange with the Creator and establish friendship with God.

If we, the church/bride is going to reign and rule with our Lord Jesus, then we must grow to be like Him. It is only in the place of communion we begin to receive the unveiling of His nature and attributes as not merely intellectual perceptions but the revelation and comprehension of His Person. It is only when we understand the awesome, beauty, majesty, and love of Him, that we will become strong and able to comprehend His method and manner of ruler-ship.

### 2. Work: (a right Action)

**Motivation without work won't get the job done.**

The attitude provides the motivation, but motivation without work won't get the temple built. Joshua and Caleb had the right attitude of trust in the Lord. But they still had to go into the land and fight the giants. Much of the Lord's work is far more perspiration than inspiration!. **To persevere we must not only be strong; we also must work.**



## **Be an instrument by God to recreate the earth that is consistent with the Lord Jesus' nature and character in which He can dwell with His bride.**

We must likewise become the instruments that create a similar atmosphere on earth so He can tabernacle in us and accomplish all that He has foretold for this generation. We the church/bride is called to be the restorers of the city, rebuilders of nations. God's ministry (through the 7 Spirits of God) in these end-times is to teach and equip us to rebuild the cities, so that the atmosphere on earth is similar to His throne in heaven, then will He tabernacle with us and accomplish all that He has foretold for this generation. For those who work and experience the transformation, justification and sanctification, a season of breakthrough will be accomplished that makes them a spiritual habitation of God's presence and the Sevenfold Spirit of God.

### **3. Do Not Fear: (a right Position)**

#### **Position ourselves for the end time harvest**

Overall we are presently in the last days harvest but it will come in multiple waves. The first harvest will be a harvest of harvesters (for example, all of you are "harvesters" who will go out and get the others), followed by a season of intense training and equipping (for example – the prophetic training or conference is a place of intense equipping). Following that, the greatest harvest of souls throughout the earth will transpire in the Brides Revival. In essence, there will be a deposit of the "spirit to overcome" delegated to believers who have yielded their hearts and souls with unwavering desperation for the person of Jesus; that is what it mean to be the Joshua generation. The Joshua commission is the anointing to "overcome." Heaven's empowerment will be granted to experience individual breakthrough. This grace will allow us to plant spiritual fields and vineyards that will produce bountiful harvests. We are admonished to walk as Children of the Light and sons of the kingdom. Isaiah 60 prophesied the "deep darkness" the world today is moving towards, but the **church/bride is moving into ever increasing light and glory of the Lord.**

**Philippians 2:14-15** Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.



## Small Groups Workshop

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### WORKSHOP:

1. Reviewing the aim of the BUILD Campaign and tallying them with the aim of the LOJ 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary which is God's purpose for us in building His house, that is - To Glorify Him (*...go up to mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and **be glorified**, says the Lord.. Haggai 1:8*). Now, from the short illustration below, discuss with your group how in the next few month your group will utilize your time, talents (gifts & skills) and abilities in God's Kingdom Building project of the church and even of your group in the area of faith, prayer, worship, ministry, discipleship, mission, fellowship and character building.
2. Plan this accordingly in your own group, as the church has variety of projects this coming months and year ahead and we will need your support and commitment. The pastoral team would like to hear some response from your group. For further detail visit the LOJ website on <http://lojcc.com/events/>

