

# Haggai Part 2

1:12-2:5

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## 1:12-13

- The people respond in obedience!
- Their circumstances haven't changed, but they choose to move forward with God, rather than struggle against him

## I AM with You

- Promise to Moses, Joshua, Judges, Kings, Prophets
- Promised in the New Testament: Jesus to disciples, his last words. To Paul, to the first Christians
- Haggai's listeners need this message at this time

## 1: 14-15

- God stirs the people up
- Deuteronomy – picture of God stirring up his people like an eagle pushes chicks out of the nest

## 2: 1-5

- The people get overwhelmed with the magnitude of the situation
- Haggai recognizes their attitude, names it but reminds that God's with them
- The Temple wasn't going to be like it was, but this doesn't mean they stop working
- "Be strong", act, take courage
- The same mighty God who was with these people is with us
- "Don't be afraid" – most common command in the Bible

## What we can learn:

- We are not alone
- Don't have to be afraid
- Take decisive action in what God has assigned you

## Discussion Questions:

- What is our fear rooted in?
- When was the last time you truly felt God was with you in something?
- Why is remembering an important Christian discipline?
- What has God stirred you up for? What work has he called you to in this season of your life?