

S E R M O N O U T L I N E

PASSION
for his house

B R I G H T O N C O M M U N I T Y C H U R C H

¹ on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ² '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, ³ "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? ⁴ 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. ⁵ "This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear."

⁶ '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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ "The silver is mine and the gold is mine," declares the LORD Almighty. ⁹ "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.'

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#1.**CHOOSE TO LET GO OF THE PAST**

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#2.

COMMIT TO PRIORITISE GOD'S WORK

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COUNT ON GOD'S PROVISION

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. When we “camp” our thoughts in the past, we stop moving forward with God. Are there things (whether good or bad) that God has been speaking to you to learn to let go of?**
- 2. When we are distracted by other priorities in life, we end up excusing ourselves from God’s purposes. Is there an area that God is challenging you to “give careful thoughts to your ways” today?**
- 3. What is one promise from God that He is challenging you to learn to rest yourself upon for 2024?**