NAVIGATING PRIORITIES

HAGGAI 1:1-11

- Are you prioritizing your own <u>COMFORT</u> over your
 <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> with God? 1:1-4
- Consider whether the reason you are not <u>FLOURISHING</u> is because you have <u>FORSAKEN</u> God. 1:5-7
- Change your ways and sacrifice to <u>PRIORITIZE</u> God so He receives <u>GLORY</u>.
- Busying yourself with your own priorities while neglecting God will only lead to more <u>TOIL</u>.
 1:9-11

FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

- 1. Read Haggai 1:1-4. What are some ways that we can lose focus and prioritize our own comfort over our relationship with God? What has this looked like in your life?
- 2. Take some time to consider what Jesus says about what should shape our priorities in Matthew 6:19-34. What stands out to you or challenges you here?
- 3. Read 1:5-7. Did you take time to "consider your ways" before the Lord? What did you find about your priorities and what has been consuming your thoughts and attention and resources?
- 4. Can you think of a time when God called you to obedience through His Word or through a sermon, and you delayed obedience? What motivates your heart to postpone obedience?
- How would you describe the difference between the prosperity gospel and the truth that living obediently to God's ways leads to blessing? (see Job 1:20-22; 2 Cor 9:6-8, 12:7-10; Prov 11:23-24; James 4:13-16)
- 6. What does repentance look like according to 1:8? How is this instructive to us?
- 7. Considering the warning in 1:9-11, what is something that you personally need to remember this week? How does Luke 10:38-42 help?



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