



Build Your Kingdom Here
Preparing for the Future (Haggai 2:20-23)
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BIG IDEA: Our lives have eternal significance when they are lived in simple obedience.

- Do you ever wonder if your life will leave a legacy? Will it have any significance or meaning?
- In our lives today, we can sense God directing us at times in subtle ways, but that doesn't mean we are always obedient. Sometimes God asks us to give or serve in ways that seem difficult, and our nature is to avoid committing in any way. Sometimes a task seems too small or insignificant, and we tend to avoid it because we question if it's really worth our time.
- If we knew, without question, why God calls us to do something, why it matters, it would be easy to obey and to faithfully participate in the part God wants us to play in the greater things He is working to accomplish.
- We can trust that if we are listening, if we are staying sensitive to God, focusing on His kingdom more than our own in the decisions we make each day, and if we are obedient to God's promptings no matter how big or small, that our lives will be ones full of significance.

NEXT STEP:

How is God calling me to serve Him in my life, right now? Is God asking something of me that I have not yet done? How can I be obedient to that call?

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. Read Haggai 2:20-23. What sticks out to you from these passages? What does God say to Zerubbabel to encourage him? Zerubbabel stopped being a servant of God for 16 years, but he was convicted to serve God again and complete his mission of rebuilding the temple. Do you feel as if you are avoiding God's main mission for your life? If so, why? What is preventing you from serving God? Why not ask God to help you remove that obstacle?
2. Look at Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 29:11, and Ephesians 1:3-5. What do these passages teach about God's plans for his people? What areas of your life, personality, and background do you struggle to accept as part of God's plans? What can you do daily to become more aware of God's plans for your life?
3. God responds to the repentant hearts of His people and is a reminder to us that perfection isn't expected of God but a heart trying to be so before God is expected. Is there any sin in your life that you need to repent of right now? What examples of God's blessing have you seen on display in your own life after repentance? How have you experienced God's promise of peace?
4. You can read more about signet rings (Genesis 41:42; Numbers 31:50; Esther 3:10; 8:2,8,10; Isaiah 3:21; Jeremiah 22:24; Daniel 6:17). What was the significance of this ring and what does it mean for us personally?
5. Pray about the decision laying ahead of us as a community this month, to expand and improve our campus here for future ministry. Ask God to give you clarity and peace, even if it means strength and courage, and perhaps personal sacrifice, will be involved. Speak to leaders at Grace about any questions or concerns you might have that they could answer. If you haven't yet filled out a ballot and shared what you think God is saying, do so by June 30 at gracetucson.org/ballot.

Prayer This Week - Law Enforcement

Pray for those in our body, and community, who work in the field of law enforcement. May they be filled with Godly wisdom and Christ-like integrity and may God provide physical and emotional protection in the work they do. Pray that they will become agents of God's hand to resist evil and bring an environment in which heaven's justice can increase.