

CHARACTER LESSONS FROM BIBLE HEROES

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Haggai Part 2: God's Perfection through Our Weakness

"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him" Hebrews 11:6

Haggai 2:1-23

God's Presence in Weakness (2:1-9)

- I. Foundational to worshipping God is not the splendor of the temple, but the Lord who is the _____ and _____ of worship.
- II. The remnants _____ to rebuild will come from the presence of God in their midst.

John 1:14

Repentance in Weakness (2:10-19)

- I. Disobedience to build the temple and disobedience in character to God was compared to _____. This uncleanness and unfaithfulness to God could spread to the temple again if the people were not repentant.
 - A. 1 John 1:8-10
 - B. 1 John 1:7
- II. God blesses the _____ in the midst of their work on the second temple.

Promised restoration in Weakness (2:20-23)

- I. God restores the broken Davidic line to the throne through Zerubbabel.
(Jeremiah 22:24-30.)
- II. From the line of Zerubbabel would come the Messiah.
(Matthew 1:12-13, Luke 3:27)
- III. God can _____ our situations through the pain, failure, adversity, and disappointment we face.
Psalm 34:18

So What?

- I. God's power is perfected in weakness.
 - A. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10, NLT)
 - B. When we were utterly _____, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners (Romans 5:6.
 - C. I do not treat the grace of God _____. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die (Galatians 2:21)."

- II. God can change our inglorious situations to be _____ offerings to Him.
 - A. Genesis 50:20
 - B. Colossians 2:13-14

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