

# Sermon Notes

January 19, 2020

The Hard Right

Haggai 1:1-8

Backstory:

- In 587 BC, King Nebuchadnezzar and his army crushed the \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_, destroying the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Jews were \_\_\_\_\_ into captivity for \_\_\_\_\_.

Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ isn't a sign that God's \_\_\_\_\_ you. It's a sign that you're doing what God \_\_\_\_\_ you to \_\_\_\_\_.

With God's help, choose the hard \_\_\_\_\_  
over the easy \_\_\_\_\_.

Act \_\_\_\_\_ and don't put it \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_ wants you to do!

To do the hard \_\_\_\_\_, first \_\_\_\_\_ on what God wants you to do... step \_\_\_\_\_, then step \_\_\_\_\_, then step \_\_\_\_\_.

In the space below, write down what it is that God want you to do and then take the first step in obedience to God to get it done.

# Weekly Devotions

God speaks to us today by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said about the Holy Spirit,

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will *teach* you all things and will *remind* you of everything I have said to you.”

This week, begin your quiet time with God by having your Bible and some paper/notebook in which to write some observations from God on. Use the following instructions for your time with God:

1. Ask God to first quiet your heart and mind so that you are available to God.
2. Ask God to speak to your heart as you read the scripture for the day.
  - a. Write down the most meaningful part of the scripture you read today.
  - b. In one or two sentences, write down the impression you received as you read this particular part of the scripture.
  - c. Finally write down what you feel God wants you to learn or do as a result of what impressed you.

Before we jump into Haggai, take some time to evaluate the condition of your spiritual “house.” Are there areas in your relationship with God that are in disrepair? What sins continue to hinder your walk with Him? What habits are holding you back? What is keeping you from seeking God’s power to help restore you in those areas? What are you waiting for? Talk to God honestly about your answers to these questions.

## Scriptures to Read:

- **MONDAY – Haggai 1:2-8**
- **TUESDAY – 1 Corinthians 3:10-17**
- **WEDNESDAY – Hebrews 4:12-16**
- **THURSDAY – 2 Timothy 3:10-17**
- **FRIDAY – Romans 12:1-2**
- **SATURDAY – 2 Peter 2:1-10**