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GOING DEEPER AT HOME

AUGUST 22: HAGGAI

We all have priorities, things that are important to us. The list might include family, work, health, leisure, friends and faith. While many of us have multiple things on that list, often one or two priorities rise to the top, they become what is ultimately the most important thing to us and that then becomes the driving force in our life. Through the prophet Haggai God calls the people of Israel to see that their most important priority is His kingdom. Haggai invites them to see that God's agenda is more important than our comfort and safety.

SCRIPTURE:

Haggai

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. Make a list of your top 5 priorities, things that are important to you. Now one by one cross them off if you could live without it (after some time of grieving of course), until you have one priority remaining. What is left & why did you leave that one?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. Respond to the statement "God's agenda is more important than my comfort and safety." Is this true? Why or why not?
4. Haggai's name means "festival," suggesting a reminder of the need to celebrate God. Why is his name so significant for the people of Israel who have just returned from exile to find Jerusalem decimated by the Babylonians?
5. The people of Israel kept putting off rebuilding the temple. What is something that God has asked you to do that you keep putting off because your comfort and safety are more important?
6. Haggai gives 3 words of encouragement to the people to keep going in rebuilding the temple (don't compare your work to others, God will take care of you, you play an important role in what God is doing). Which one do you need to hear right now & why?
7. How is the the Holy Spirit inviting you to respond? What step(s) of obedience can you start taking today?