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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship 29 January 2023 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship In Song

#### We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: The Time Is Now Sermon: "The Blessing of Obedience"

#### We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*







### Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



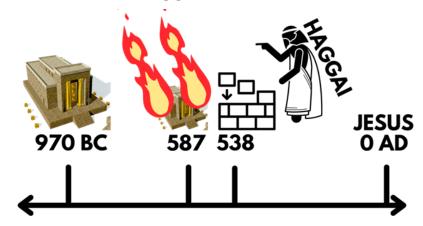
- 1. What themes in this series on Haggai do you resonate with or see playing out in your life?
- 2. If someone asked you why do you follow Jesus, what would you say?
- 3. Do you know a selective listener? Are you one? If you were honest, do you tend to give up more easily when things do not directly benefit you?
- 4. What experiences, people, or situations have shaped your understanding and reaction to the idea of obedience?
- 5. Why is a heart for God so important? How do love and obedience work together?
- 6. What hard thing in your life could be an opportunity to grow closer to God? What step of obedience is God calling you to take—even if it's difficult or costly?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.



# The Time Is Now "The Blessing of Obedience" Pastor Kris Beckert

#### The Timeline of Haggai:



The Question: Why do the hard right thing?

Motive #1:	

Haggai 1:3-4 Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

The Problem:		

Motive #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Haggai 2:11-12 "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Ask the priests what the law says: <sup>12</sup> If someone carries consecrated meat in the fold of their garment, and that fold touches some bread

or stew, some wine, olive oil or other food, does it become consecrated?'" The priests answered, "No."

The Problem:	
Motive #3:	

Haggai 2:13-14 Then Haggai said, "If a person defiled by contact with a dead body touches one of these things, does it become defiled?" "Yes," the priests replied, "it becomes defiled." 'Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled. 14 Then Haggai said, "'So it is with this people and this nation in my sight,' declares the Lord. 'Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled.

The Problem:	

## Motive #4: \_\_\_\_\_

• hiddur mitzvah --

Haggai 2:15-19 "'Now give careful thought to this from this day on—consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the Lord's temple. <sup>16</sup> When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When anyone went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty. <sup>17</sup> I struck all

the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not return to me,' declares the Lord. <sup>18</sup> 'From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid. Give careful thought: <sup>19</sup> Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. "'From this day on I will bless you.'"

Haggai 2:23 "'On that day,' declares the Lord Almighty, 'I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,' declares the Lord, 'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,' declares the Lord Almighty."

Big Idea:			