

**Mount Pisgah A.M.E. Church**  
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**"Thinking Big - Believing in God's Greater Glory"**  
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**Haggai Chapters 1 and 2**

The way we think influences our behavior and actions.  
The way we think is related to our progress in life.  
Limited thinking limits our faith  
How is your thinking?

**Hag 1:2 The time has not yet come**

The right time to rebuild the temple had not yet arrived according to the people. What was going on in their minds?

- Fear
- Procrastinating
- Lazy
- Me and mine

The Lord longs for the time when we come away with him. (Matt 11:28-30)  
He desires a close and abiding relationship with us (Jer 31:3)  
His promises are just for us (Ps 34:19, 32:8, Is 40:29, Jer 33:3, John 14:18)

**Hag 1:5 Consider your ways**

- Longing after things of the past
- Forgotten their first love
- Pursuing their own selfish ambitions

We must inquire of God to show us his way (Ps 25:4)  
Obedience unto the Lord guarantees his blessings (Duet 28:1)

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. (Proverbs 23:7)

**Hag 2:4 Be strong; and work; for I am with you**

Be strong

God is our strength when we are weak (1 Cor. 4:10)  
Our Lord is strong and mighty (Ps 24:8)  
He is our strength in the time of trouble (Ps. 37:39)

God assures us that he is with us.

We can easily be overcome by fear and become discouraged. God encourages us through His Word not to fear, not to be discouraged or dismayed.

We can be strong and determined in the face of trouble. We can be hopeful when all hell is breaking loose. The Jews looked at the ruins of the temple and because of their limited thinking,

they could not envision that a temple could be resurrected out of ruins and debris that had been laid to waste for 66 years. Is their hope for restoration? Is there hope for broken families and shattered communities? Is there hope for healing? Is there hope for a breakthrough?

Hope that is seen is not hope (Romans 8:24-25)

### And work

Nestled between "be strong" and "I am with you" is God's expectation that we get up, that we move in our purpose; that we work

I must work while it is day (John 9:4)

Paul was certain about his mission

- Ro 20:19 NC V *The evil people made plans against me, which troubled me very much. But you know I always served the Lord unselfishly, and I often cried.*
- Ro 20:24 NCV *The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace.*

### I am with you

God is ever present. (Ps 139:8-10)

He will not leave us (Heb 13:5-6)

Remember what the Lord has done for you; remember the situations from which he delivered you (Haggai 2:5; Ex 19:4)

**Hag 1:8 Build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD.**

- The Lord is glorified when his glory dwells in the temple
- The Glory of the Lord (*his awesome, sweet presence*) filled the tabernacle (Ex. 40:35)
- The first temple was filled with the glory of God in the form of a cloud but the latter temple is filled with Jesus the Christ
- We are His dwelling place. Christ's glory fills this temple

Changing our thinking is not automatic and can be difficult to do

- You need to work at it
- It will change your life