

First Things First

Message 6: Going Forward Part 2

“Remember When”

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Haggai 2:10-19

¹⁰*On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Haggai: 11 “This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Ask the priests what the law says: 12 If a person carries consecrated meat in the fold of his garment, and that fold touches some bread or stew, some wine, oil or other food, does it become consecrated?’ ”*

The priests answered, “No.”

¹³*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.”

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.*

¹⁵ “ ‘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. ¹⁶When 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. ¹⁷I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not turn to me,’ declares the Lord. ¹⁸‘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: ¹⁹Is 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.’ ” (NIV)

Principle #1: We can’t make something holy but we can defile it.

Isaiah 64:6a

Principle #2: Discipline comes because of love.

Hebrews 12:4-11

Principle #3: Blessings come because of obedience.

“ ‘From this day on I will bless you.’ ”

- Bless you with relationship

Hebrews 13:5b

- Bless you with provision

Philippians 4:18-19

