

**Strong
(Haggai)
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1. God's people had upside-down priorities (1:1-11)
 - They were complacent about their disobedience.
 - They spent a lot of time securing their own comfort.
 - Their disobedience resulted in God-sent frustration and failure.
2. They wisely heeded the rebuke from their God (1:12-15)
 - Leaders and people obeyed because they feared the Lord.
 - God promised his presence.
 - God energized their obedience.
3. God warned them not to let nostalgia about the past rob them of strength for the present (2:1-9)
 - The temple they were building was nothing compared with Solomon's temple.
 - God urged them to be strong because he was behind this 'inferior' work.
 - The temple they were building pointed to a future temple he would build that would eclipse all others with its glory.
4. God promised to bless them for their obedience (2:10-23)
 - He reminded them of how frustrated they were during their disobedience.
 - This new blessing was a direct consequence of their obedience.
 - This story highlights the importance of faithful leaders.