**On Mission: 4 Keys to Launch a Purposeful Year**

**Week 2: “Get Ready”**

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**Theme: The Best is Yet to Come**

**Key Verses: Haggai 2:3-9 (NIV)**
***3****‘Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?* ***4****But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty.* ***5****‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’* ***6****“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.* ***7****I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty.* ***8****‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty.* ***9****‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”*

**I. Get Ready for a Paradigm Shift (Haggai 2:3)**

* **Scripture:** *Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?*
* **Point:** Your conflict, crisis and lack of progress is produced when we don’t allow the old to die and the new to be born.
* **Description:** A paradigm shift is defined as “an important change that happens when the usual way of thinking about or doing something is replaced by a new and different way.” The worst enemy to accelerate to the next season of greatness is the mindset of the leaders and of the people. Our way of thinking must be flexible and adjustable. We must stop looking at where we’ve been and put our eyes on where we are going.

**II. Get Ready for a Higher Level of Commitment (Haggai 2:4)**

* **Scripture:** *But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty.*
* **Point:** God’s resources and abundance are found inside the work and effort you do for His purpose.
* **Description:** (**Haggai 1:6)** To accelerate and progress is not accomplished with people who do not want to work. Even though the latter glory will be greater, you are still going to have to work even harder.

**III. Get Ready for a New Level of Courage (Haggai 2:5)**

* **Scripture:** *‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’*
* **Point:** Do not fear.
* **Description:** A whole generation that came out of Egypt were not able to enter into the promised land because they had fear in their hearts. On our way to the Promised Land, we will need to face greater challenges, greater enemies, and the giants of the land.

**IV. Get Ready to Strengthen the Foundations (Haggai 2:6-7)**

* **Scripture:** *This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land***.** ***7****I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty.”*
* **Point:** We must be strong in our commitment to the Lord.
* **Description:** When God is going to do something new, there comes a shaking that takes place. He will remove what is not strong and firm so that when He sets the weight of His glory over His church, they can stand.

**V. Get Ready to See God’s Provision (Haggai 2:8)**

* **Scripture:** *‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty.*
* **Point:** God will provide.
* **Description:** Just as God provided for His people in the desert, He will provide everything that you have need of.

**VI. The Latter is Always Greater Than the Former (Haggai 2:9)**

* **Scripture:** *‘The glory of the present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace, ‘declares the Lord Almighty.’*
* **Point:** God will provide.
* **Description:** Just as God provided for His people in the desert, He will provide everything that you have need of.