My Spirit Remains in Your Midst

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Haggai 2:1-5

Did God's Spirit remain in their midst? Three realities suggested He did not.

Three painful realities:

- 1. The success of outside opposition against God's people.
- 2. The weight of their history.
- 3. Their own personal failure.

"In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: "Speak now to Zerubbabel ... and to Joshua ... and to all the remnant of the people, and say, 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?"

Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua ... Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not."

Haggai 2.1-5

"My Spirit remains in your midst."

"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might, nor by power, <u>but by my Spirit</u>, says the Lord of hosts. Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain."

Zechariah 4:6-7

The Spirit is the difference between life and death.



Delaney, in the top right of the picture



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Faith, on the left, with other leaders Hannah and Samantha



Friday morning prayer times



Some students at Women's Retreat



Do we believe that the Spirit remains in our midst?