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Like Nothing at All

Week 2 · Haggai 2:1–9

Comparing what God is doing now to the glory days paralyzes us, but God's Spirit is still among his people, and the best glory isn't behind us. It's God himself, and in Jesus he moved in.

1. God asked the oldest people in Jerusalem, "How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?" (Haggai 2:3). Why do you think God named their disappointment out loud instead of correcting it?

2. When the foundation was first laid, the people who remembered the old temple wept while others shouted for joy, and no one could tell the sounds apart (Ezra 3:12–13). What would it look like for our church to make room for both sounds?

3. Pastor Justin said nostalgia isn't bad, but it turns dangerous "when the past stops being different and starts being superior." What does that look like in a church? What about between generations?

4. God's answer to their discouragement wasn't a new plan or a quick fix. It was himself: "Work, for I am with you" (Haggai 2:4). Why is that a better answer?

5. God told Joshua to be strong after Moses died, and David told Solomon the same thing before the first temple was built. Why do you think so many "glory days" started with someone who was scared?

6. Your phone shows you what you had. God reminds you what he's done. What has God done, in your life or in this church, that's worth remembering out loud?

7. The best glory isn't behind us. It's God himself, and in Jesus he moved in (John 1:14). How could that change the way you look at what you miss, or at what you're afraid of losing?

8. Where have you been comparing lately? Don't try to build the whole building. What's one small thing you'll do there this week, and who in this group will ask you how it went?