

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down <u>for our instruction</u>... **1 Corinthians 10:11** (ESV)

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This is what the LORD Almighty says... Haggai 1:2a (NIV)

• These or similar words are in \_\_\_\_\_ of Haggai's \_\_\_\_\_ verses.

Everything's falling apart on me, GOD; put me together again with your Word. Psalms 119:107 (MP)

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And...GOD... spoke out again: "Take a good, hard look at your life. Think it over. **Haggai 1:5** (MP)

God wants to ask me "How's that \_\_\_\_\_ for you?"

You planted a lot, but you harvested little. You eat, but you're never full. You drink, but you're still thirsty. You wear clothing, but you never have enough to keep you warm. You spend money as fast as you earn it. <sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD... says: Carefully consider your ways! **Haggai 1:6**, 7 (GW)

Take a good look at yourselves to see if you are really believers. Test yourselves. Don't you realize that Christ Jesus is in you? Unless, of course, you fail the test! 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NIrV)

## 3. I MUST START \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A Message from GOD...: "The people procrastinate. They say this isn't the right time to rebuild my Temple, the Temple of GOD." <sup>3</sup> Shortly after that, GOD said more and Haggai spoke it: <sup>4</sup> "How is it that it's the 'right time' for you to live in your fine new homes while the Home, GOD's Temple, is in ruins?" <sup>5</sup> And then a little later, GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies spoke out again: "Take a good, hard look at your life. Think it over. Haggai 1:2-5 (MP)

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"Think it over," says the Lord Almighty. "Consider how you have acted and what has happened as a result! \* Then go up into the mountains. bring down timber, and rebuild my Temple, and I will be pleased with it and appear there in my glory," says the Lord. Haggai 1:7-8 (LB)

Then <u>Zerubbabel</u>, <u>the chief priest</u> Joshua, and <u>the faithful few</u> who returned from Babylon obeyed the LORD their God. **Haggai 1:12a** (GW)

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. <sup>106</sup> I've promised it once, and I'll promise it again: I will obey Your righteous regulations. **Psalm 119:105, 106** (NLT)

Obey God's message! Don't fool yourselves by just listening to it. <sup>23</sup> If you hear the message and don't obey it, you are like people who stare at themselves in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and forget what they look like as soon as they leave. <sup>25</sup> You must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget. **James 1:22-25** (GW)

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(they) obeyed the Lord. The Haggai <b>Haggai 1:12b</b> (GW)	ey also obeyed the words of the prophet
• By	their authority.
They obeyedbecause the LC the people feared the LORD.	ORD their God had sent him and because <b>Haggai 1:12c</b> (GW)
	t to their authorityObey them so that burden, for that would be of no <b>3:17</b> (NIV)
• By	their footsteps.
	spoke the word of God to you. Consider the d imitate their faith <b>Hebrews 13:7</b> (NIV)
	stalled for about 16!
	le will be greater than its past glory, place I will bring peace. I, the LORD of n!" Haggai 2:9 (NLT)

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