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From Message to Monument

Haggai 1:1-11

Could this building someday become a monument with no message?

1. The reason churches lose their direction is not always a matter of theology, but sometimes a matter of priority

“Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: ‘This people says, “The time has not come, the time that the LORD’s house should be built.”

2. Our ways, not our words will reveal our true priorities

Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: “Consider your ways!

3. God reminds us that His glory is to be our first priority (Colossians 1:15-20)

4. The Church will never truly flourish as God intends until we get our priorities in order

“You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.”

5. Action Steps

- A. Evaluate our priorities & live out the real purpose of the Church
- B. Look for our personal inconsistencies
- C. Eliminate excuses that justify our priorities that are out of order
- D. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us keep God first
- E. Make a commitment to make a difference
- F. Make the Church a priority