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RISK PUTTING GOD FIRST

Haggai 1



What risks does God want us to take for His glory?



**MAIN
POINT**

The risks we take for God can directly influence the outcome and purposes He has for us.

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah,
and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest:

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

² "Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord."



HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

³ Then the word of the Lord came by the hand
of Haggai the prophet,

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

⁴ "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?"



HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

⁵ Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts:
Consider your ways.

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

⁶ You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill.

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.



HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

7 "Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

8 Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord.

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

9 You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the Lord of hosts.



HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

Because of my house that lies in ruins,
while each of you busies himself with his own house.

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew,
and the earth has withheld its produce.

HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

¹¹ And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills,
on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth,



HAGGAI 1:1-11 (ESV)

on man and beast, and on all their labors.”

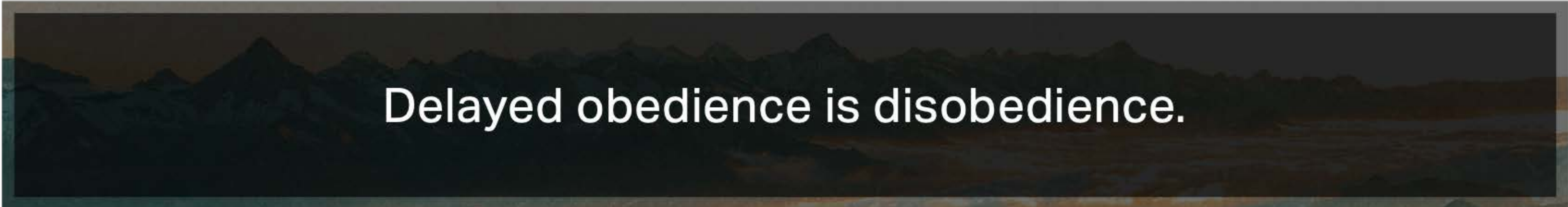


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There is risk **in putting God first, but it's riskier putting ourselves first.**

HAGGAI 1:2 (ESV)

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.”



Delayed obedience is disobedience.



2

Disobedience is when we tell God **the time has not yet come.**



HAGGAI 1:3 (ESV)

Then the word of the Lord came by the hand
of Haggai the prophet,



HAGGAI 1:4 (ESV)

“Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?”

HAGGAI 1:6
(ESV)

- You have sown much, and harvested little

HAGGAI 1:6
(ESV)

- You have sown much, and harvested little
- You eat, but you never have enough

HAGGAI 1:6
(ESV)

- You have sown much, and harvested little
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HAGGAI 1:6
(ESV)

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HAGGAI 1:6 (ESV)

You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.



HAGGAI 1:7 (ESV)

“Thus says the Lord of hosts:
Consider your ways.

HAGGAI 1:8 (ESV)

Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord.

HAGGAI 1:9 (ESV)

You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the Lord of hosts.



HAGGAI 1:9 (ESV)

Because of my house that lies in ruins,
while each of you busies himself with his own house.

APPLICATION QUESTION

Is there anything you have been telling God not yet,
that you know you need to today?

2

Disobedience is when we tell God **the time has not yet come.**
Obedience is when we tell God **the time is now.**

MARK BATTERSON, *DRAW THE CIRCLE*

"The beauty of obedience is this:
it relieves us of responsibility."

MARK BATTERSON, *DRAW THE CIRCLE*


It takes all the pressure off of us and places it
squarely on God's sovereign shoulders.

MARK BATTERSON, *DRAW THE CIRCLE*

When we give God our tithe, for example, our finances are no longer our responsibility; they become God's responsibility.

MARK BATTERSON, *DRAW THE CIRCLE*

God even says, "Test me in this." And if we test God, we'll find that He can do more with 90 percent than we can do with 100 percent.



MARK BATTERSON, *DRAW THE CIRCLE*

It turns financial management into a giving game
that gets more fun the more we give.

MARK BATTERSON, *DRAW THE CIRCLE*

And the more we give away,
the more we enjoy what we keep."

MATTHEW 6:33 (ESV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.

HAGGAI 1:12-15 (ESV)

¹² Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people,

HAGGAI 1:12-15 (ESV)

obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him.



HAGGAI 1:12-15 (ESV)

And the people feared the Lord.

HAGGAI 1:12-15 (ESV)

¹³ Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke to the people with the Lord's message, "I am with you, declares the Lord."

HAGGAI 1:12-15 (ESV)

¹⁴ And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak,

HAGGAI 1:12-15 (ESV)

the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people.

HAGGAI 1:12-15 (ESV)

And they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts,
their God, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the month,

HAGGAI 1:12-15 (ESV)

in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

HAGGAI 1:14 (ESV)

And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak,



HAGGAI 1:12-15 (ESV)

the high priest, and the spirit of all
the remnant of the people.

3

Taking the risk of obeying God's voice comes with the reward of **experiencing God stir our spirits for His purposes.**



PSALM 37:4 (ESV)

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19-22 (ESV)

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.



Quench: *sbennymi*: to extinguish or go out

ROMANS 1:24-25 (ESV)

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

ROMANS 1:24-25 (ESV)

²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,



ROMANS 1:24-25 (ESV)

who is blessed forever!
Amen.

SAM STORMS

God has granted to Christians the ability either to restrict or release what the Spirit does in the life of the local church.



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LOVE OFFERING

PLEDGED

\$1,080,622

LOVE OFFERING

November 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023

ACTUALLY RECEIVED

\$1,321,687

LOVE OFFERING

Of the \$1,080,622 pledged in this year's Love Offering, we have so far received \$671,417.

There is \$409,205 still left to come in from pledges.

LOVE OFFERING

November 1, 2022 - October 31, 2023

NEW GOAL

\$1,730,892

LOVE OFFERING

\$1,230,892 will go to debt reduction

\$5,732,831 left on our loan as of May 31, 2023
- \$1,230,892 pay down

\$4,501,939 balance
(not including monthly principal payments)

2023 LOVE OFFERING **COMPLETED PROJECTS**

Ukrainian Missionary Housing
HUNGARY

Bella Vista Refugee Homes
BELIZE

Marketplace Ministry
GUATEMALA

Church Planting
UGANDA

Church Building
MEXICO

English Class Discipleship
SOUTH ASIA

Community Center Development
CHILE

Teen Camp
WEST ASIA

Ministry Vehicle
THAILAND

Infant Formula
MALAWI

Discipleship and Bibles
MIDDLE EAST

Kurdish Outreach
SAN DIEGO

Church Ministry Vehicle
Easter 2023

BELIZE *Bella Vista Refugee Homes*



CHILE *Community Center Development (before)*



CHILE *Community Center Development (after)*



INDIA Church Plant



MEXICO Church Building (before)



MEXICO *Church Building (after)*



SAN DIEGO *Kurdish Outreach*



SOUTH ASIA *English Class Discipleship*



THAILAND *Ministry Vehicle*



THAILAND *Ministry Vehicle*



UGANDA Church Plant



ENGAGE *ESL Camp for Refugees*



ENGAGE *Easter Progressive Dinner*



2023 LOVE OFFERING **IN-PROGRESS**

Refugee Community Center
BELGIUM

Children's Center
ECUADOR

River Boat
BRAZIL

Church Building
ALBANIA

Church Planting
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Church Planting
INDIA

Evangelism Ministry
MIDDLE EAST

Student Care Shelter
CENTRAL ASIA

Doula and Childbirth Partnership
EURASIA

Local Church Support
UKRAINE

Outreach and Local Care
SOUTHEAST ASIA

Facility Improvements
SOUTH ASIA

2023 LOVE OFFERING

ONGOING

Remember Nhu Housing
THAILAND

Rebirth Homes

Olive Crest

New Global Partners

Engage

Serve Week

Adoption Support

Perris Outreach

Placemakers

Inspire WeCare Packages

Community Bridge Events

Residency Program

B-Building Room Expansion

Supporting Struggling Churches

GENERAL FUND GIVING

July 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023

BUDGETED FOR THE TIMEFRAME

\$7,832,592

GENERAL FUND GIVING

July 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023

ACTUALLY RECEIVED

\$7,805,334

THE GROVE VILLAGE *Graduated Participants*



STEPS TO CHEERFUL GIVING



Not the goal,
just the target



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