

COMPANION STUDY GUIDE

The Rebuilder’s Mandate: The Will of the Work

Primary Text: [Haggai 2](#)

Supporting Texts: [Isaiah 43:18–19](#), [Psalms 42:5](#)

1. Core Theme

God is not restoring the past—He is establishing His will.

The discouragement of the builders in Haggai 2 did not come from failure, but from comparison.

God confronts perception before He releases glory.

2. Key Insight

“How do you see it now?” — Haggai 2:3

Discouragement often comes after obedience, when what we’re building doesn’t match what we imagined.

3. Teaching Breakdown

A. Perception Check

- What expectations did I bring into this season?
- Am I comparing my current obedience to a former move of God?
- Who shaped my understanding of “how this should look”?

Reflection Prompt:

What version of the past am I subconsciously measuring my present against?

B. Letting Go of the Former Thing

Isaiah 43:18–19 reminds us that God does new things in new ways.

Reflection Prompt:

What might God be asking me to release—not because it was wrong, but because it is finished?

C. Discouragement & the Soul

Psalm 42:5 exposes internal turmoil even in faithful people.

Reflection Prompt:

What emotion am I carrying that obedience alone has not resolved?

4. Rules of Engagement (Haggai 2:4)

God establishes order before He releases strength.

Role	Responsibility
Zerubbabel	Engage civil systems without fear
Joshua (High Priest)	Discern the will of God
The People	Do the work

Reflection Prompt:

Which role am I currently called and where might I be overreaching?

5. Covenant Confidence

“My Spirit remains among you; fear not.” — Haggai 2:5

God provides structure, intercession, and protection while we work.

Declaration:

“I am not alone in this work. God is with me, and I will not fear.”

6. Closing Application

The glory of the latter house is not about size, speed, or appearance, it’s about alignment.

Final Question: Am I more committed to God’s presence or my preference?