

FULLY EMBRACING HIS MOVE

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Introduction –

2007 was a year of great change for Valleyview and the Curtis'. Most significantly it allowed our paths to cross and to forever change each other. We also saw the number of people attending our church double. It's been exciting to say the least. So, what does 2008 have in store for us? God is going to accelerate the fulfilling of His purpose among us. As we stay the course and keep our focus true, I believe that we will be amazed next year at this time as we look back and see all that the Lord has done.

With this in mind, we begin this New Year with two prophetic words. Words that the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart to share specifically with you. Let's not resist, but rather, fully embrace His move among us.

“YOU WILL ARISE AND HAVE COMPASSION ON ZION, FOR IT IS TIME TO SHOW FAVOR TO HER; THE APPOINTED TIME HAS COME” – PSALMS 102:13

1. _____ > _____
Haggai 1:4-5 – “*Is it time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?*” Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “***Give care thought to your ways.***”

***Discussion:**

1. If it's God's desire to bless us, what is wrong with us enjoying the things He's given us? What is this point actually saying?
2. Why is this an especially poignant point for us who live in America?

2. _____ > _____
Haggai 1:12-14 – Then ... the whole remnant of God's people obeyed the message from the Lord their God... and the people worshiped the Lord in earnest. Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave the people this message from the Lord: “***I am with you, says the Lord!***” So the Lord ***sparked the enthusiasm upon ... the whole remnant of God's people. They came and began work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God. (N.L.T)***

***Discussion:**

1. As the people obeyed point #1, what did the Lord say to them?
2. Why did this spark such enthusiasm? What else did it spark?

3. _____ > _____
Haggai 2:3,9 – “*Is there anyone who can remember this house ... as it was before? In comparison, how does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing at all! But now take courage ... “***The future of this house will be greater than its past glory, says the Lord Almighty.***”*

***Discussion:**

1. What political slogan from the 90's did Pastor Rich share, and how did it apply to this point?
2. What is the glory of God, and why is it really all about this?

4. _____ > _____
Haggai 2:13-15 – “Then Haggai said, “If a person **defiled by contact with a dead body** touches one of these things, does it become defiled?” “Yes, ... it becomes defiled.” ... “So it is with my people.” “Now give careful thought to this from this day on...”

***Discussion:**

1. What in the world is this point talking about and how does it apply to us?
2. What are some things that might be considered “touching dead things” in our lives?

5. _____ > _____
Zechariah 4:6,10 – “This is the word of the Lord: “**not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.**”(NIV) ... Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin...”

***Discussion:**

1. What is the “promise” in this point? Why is it important that we “get this”?
2. There is also some “encouragement” in this point. What is it, and how can this help us at this point and time?