

RESET 2 – Reset Obedience (Haggai 1:12-15)

FOUR RESET KEYS

1. Hearing God produces the FEAR of the LORD

- * The 'Fear of the Lord' is the overwhelming AWARENESS that God is GOD & I am NOT.
- * Defⁿ = Deep, strong, weighty REVERENCE & RESPECT for the holiness of GOD, the person of JESUS & presence of the HOLY SPIRIT.
- * Holy fear awakens AWE, bows in HUMILITY & results in OBEDIENCE (Psalm 33:8, Isa 66:2).
- * In this whole situation, the fear of the Lord was the TRIGGER and that was what they'd been MISSING.

How would you describe 'the fear of the Lord' in your own words?

Why do you think our culture often misunderstands the fear of the Lord?

What does it look like to live with a healthy, biblical fear of God today?

Application: Is there an area of your life where you've been listening to God's Word without really responding to it?

2. REVIVAL begins when people take God's WORD SERIOUSLY

- * The renewal in Haggai didn't begin with something DRAMATIC; it began with quiet OBEDIENCE.
- * DELAYED obedience is still disobedience.
PARTIAL obedience is still disobedience.
God wasn't asking Israel for ADMIRATION; He asking for ACTION.

The biblical pattern (2 Chron 7:14, 2 Kings 22-23)

- * God SPEAKS
- * People HUMBLE themselves ... REPENT ... OBEY
- * And God MOVES

Why do you think we sometimes look for dramatic experiences while overlooking simple obedience?

Which statement challenges you most, and why?

- * Delayed obedience is still disobedience.
- * Partial obedience is still disobedience.
- * God wasn't asking for admiration; He was asking for action.

Looking at the biblical pattern (God speaks → people humble themselves → repent → obey → God moves), which step do you think Christians most often skip?

Application: What might God already be asking you to do that you've been delaying?

3. God's PRESENCE is the REWARD behind every COMMAND

- * The greatest blessing God ever gives isn't PROSPERITY, SUCCESS or COMFORT, it's the PROMISE of His PRESENCE (Haggai 1:13, Heb 13:5, Matt 28:20).
- * The BOTH-AND: Obedience POSITIONS us to experience His presence and His Presence INSPIRES & EMPOWERS obedience.
- * Obedience is never simply about RULES; it's about RELATIONSHIP. God's commands are invitations CLOSER.
- * Every time you OBEY God you take deliberate step CLOSER. Every time you DISOBEY God, you take a step AWAY.

Why do you think God's first response to their obedience was a promise of His presence?

What is the difference between obeying God because we have to and obeying because we want to walk closely with Him?

'God's commands are invitations closer.' How does that change the way you view obedience?

Application: Where have you experienced God's presence most deeply during a season of obedience?

4. When God STIRS HEARTS, God work BURSTS into LIFE

- * The people OBEYED, but God supplied the PASSION.
- * Their ENTHUSIASM wasn't MANUFACTURED.
It wasn't HYPE or emotional MANIPULATION;
it was the Holy Spirit AWAKENING hearts.
- * Passion for the things of God must be SPARKED, IMPARTED & SUSTAINED by the Spirit of God.

When God stirs a church

→ People WORSHIP with renewed PASSION

→ PRAY with renewed EXPECTATION

→ VOLUNTEER with renewed JOY

→ GIVE with renewed GENEROSITY

... not because they've been PRESSURED, but because they've been CAPTURED.

Why is it important to remember God supplies the passion as well as the calling? What's the difference between manufactured enthusiasm and Spirit-inspired enthusiasm?

Which of these do you most long to see in our church? Worship with renewed passion, prayer with renewed expectation, serving with renewed joy or giving with renewed generosity.

Application: How can we position ourselves individually – and as a church – for God to stir our hearts?

Looking Ahead

Imagine if every member of our church embraced these four reset keys:

- * Hearing God produces the fear of the Lord.
- * Revival begins when people take God's Word seriously.
- * God's presence is the reward behind every command.
- * When God stirs hearts, God's work bursts into life.

Final Questions

- * Which of the four reset keys challenged or encouraged you the most?
- * What is one practical step of obedience you believe God is asking you to take this week?
- * How can we pray for one another as we seek to become a church that is 'God First' and 'Word First?'

Prayer

Spend time praying in pairs or small groups.

- * Ask God to restore a holy fear of the Lord.
- * Pray for hearts that respond quickly to His Word.
- * Thank Him for the promise of His presence.
- * Ask the Holy Spirit to stir fresh passion and expectancy in our church as we seek His leading for the future.