Am I A Distracted Disciple ?

Greg Kline · Haggai 1:2–11

INTRODUCTION

- God said time and again to the people through the prophet Haggai, consider your ways.
- The temple was not completed, even though they had plenty of time and resources.
- The Israelites said, It's not yet time. But God sent a reply saying very clearly, It's past time. You have been distracted.

1 What Am I Distracted By?

Colossians 3:1–4; Matthew 14:22–31; Haggai 1:4–8

- We know our mind needs to be at the right hand of God where Christ is, not on things of the earth.
- But when he saw the wind, he was afraid. You see, when he was afraid, immediately verse 30 says, He began to sink.
- In Matthew chapter 14, what distracted Peter from coming to his Lord? Fear distracted him.
- It's not wrong necessarily to have a paneled house. It's wrong when you dwell in paneled houses and let the house of the Lord lie in ruins.
- We cannot live our lives as if we are only behind a screen. I am begging everyone here, starting with myself, we have to look up.
- How can I use them to do what? To glorify God that he may take pleasure in our life and our sacrifice.

2 Who Am I Distracted By?

1 Samuel 18:6–15; Ephesians 4:31–32

- Saul's biggest problem at this point in the scriptures was that he was jealous of David. He allowed jealousy to ruin and run his life.
- He wasn't worried about God. He wasn't even worried about himself. He was worried about how other people viewed David.
- We get distracted by what we think other people have, think, or do. That is killer.
- The problem is this all happens while the spiritual work of God lies in ruins.
- Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you along with all malice.
- Bitterness is not only a sin, it distracts us from doing God's work.

3 Is Any of It Worth It?

James 4:14; Mark 9:42–50

- Life is but a vapor. It's here today and gone tomorrow.
- If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to endure life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, the unquenchable fire.

- What should we do with things that distract us? Jesus says, cut it off. It's not worth it. It will consume you.
- A single distraction can pull us away from the work of God.
- Would I be able to cut off that part of me that gives in to bitterness, that gives in to jealousy?
- Is any of it worth it? Of course it's not worth it. That's why God says, multiple times and in multiple ways, consider your ways.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you willing to take that practice today? What needs to be cut from your life? What needs to be changed?

MY NOTES