BACK TO BASICS | The Life-Changing Call to Surrender to God

# WHEN YOU'RE TIRED OF HOLDING IT ALL TOGETHER | TRUST IN GOD

#### "CONSIDER HOW THINGS ARE GOING FOR YOU." HAGGAI 1:5

You've been doing all the things.

Balancing the budget. Managing the emotions. Holding your faith together with coffee, willpower, and a verse taped to your mirror.

But deep down, it still feels... hollow. Exhausting. Like a spiritual treadmill you can't get off.

In Haggai 1:4–6, God tells His people to pause and consider why all their efforts seem to fall flat:

"You've planted much, but harvested little. You eat but are not full. You earn wages only to put them in bags with holes."

Why?

Because they were focused on building their lives while neglecting Him.

Maybe you've done the same. Maybe you've been trying to manage your way into peace instead of surrendering to the One who gives it freely.

God isn't asking you to try harder. He's asking you to trust deeper.

To get back to worship.

To prioritize His presence, not just His provision.

When you trust in God, surrendering control doesn't mean giving up—it means giving over.

Giving over your plans, your outcomes, and your timing to the God whose way is perfect.

And when you do?

He promises to take care of the rest.

## **PRAYER**

Father, I admit I've been trying to do life in my own strength.

I've chased productivity, control, and even religious routines—but I'm still running on empty.

Today, I surrender. I trust You with my schedule, my worries, my heart.

Help me to rest in Your goodness and put You first—again. Amen.

## **REFLECT**

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What would it look like to surrender that situation to Him today and fully trust in God?

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