



## **THE TIME IS NOW - Part 2 of 3** **Persevering Through Discouragement** September 25, 2016

*Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord. So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God. —Haggai 1:13-14*

*"Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?" —Haggai 2:3*

### **THE CAUSES OF DISCOURAGEMENT**

1. **COMPARISONS**
2. **LACK OF PROGRESS**

### **WHEN YOU FACE DISCOURAGEMENT**

*"But now be strong, Zerubbabel," declares the Lord. "Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land," declares the Lord, "and work. For I am with you," declares the Lord Almighty. —Haggai 2:4*

1. **BE STRONG**
2. **DO THE WORK**

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.  
—Galatians 6:9*