

## DAY 7

Check in with God about your last 24 hrs. - Confess \ Proclaim \ Learn \ Adjust

Connection Passage - Malachi 2:10-4:6

What do you feel God was impressing on you today as you read Malachi?

There are some heavy doctrinal statements in today's reading. How do each of these speak to you?

The husband and wife are one in flesh and spirit. 2:15 -

God says He hates divorce. 2:16 -

I, the Lord, do not change. 3:6 -

Return to Me (God) and I will return to you. 3:7 -

You are robbing Me (God) in tithes and offerings. 3:8-9 -

The righteous are those who serve God and the wicked are those who don't. 3:18 -

What did you learn from this week's study? How can it change your life if you apply and practice what you have learned?

### The Challenge

God says in Mal 3:17 that those who are faithful to Him are His treasured possession. What is a possession you own that is precious to you? How do you feel about it? Do you think God feels this way about you. What an honor to be God's **treasured possession!** How important is this to you?

God desires to spend time with you so you can get to know Him.

Ask God why He chose you to be **His treasured possession...**

# TRANSFORMATION

## OLD TESTAMENT HAGGAI/ZECHARIAH/MALACHI



## Connecting with God

Stand in awe...

## DAY 1

### Start Every Day Talking with God about Your Past 24 Hours

*How did you live them? Any sin to **Confess**, **Victories** to proclaim, things you can **Learn** from, and/or **Adjustments** you need to make to be the man God has called you to be?*

### Connection Passage - Haggai 1:1-2:23

Congrats! You have made it to the last week of reading through the Old Testament. The final three prophets in the Bible are **Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi**. They are called **Post Exilic or Post Captivity Prophets**. **Ester, Ezra, and Nehemiah** were also part of this era that span from 520 B.C.- 400 B.C. **Haggai** was most likely born in captivity. Haggai and Zechariah are remembered for delivering messages from God encouraging Judah to rebuild the temple! They reported to Zerubbabel, the acting governor of Judah.

**What do you feel God was trying to impress on you personally in today's reading?**

The rebuilding of the temple didn't go as easy as the people had hoped. Rebuilding started in 536 B.C. and after two years the **work halted because of opposition** from their enemies! Fourteen years after Haggai's message, the work was resumed and completed in just four years in 516 B.C. What you can learn from this story of rebuilding the Temple as you work on rebuilding your own life from the consequences of sin?

Read - ***"Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"*** Reflect on the Temple of God being in you, then answer the questions below.

How will you begin to **rebuild the Temple of God in you?** Do you think you will have opposition from your enemy? What if it takes longer than you thought?

### The Challenge

***"Give careful thought to your ways."*** God said this twice in Haggai 1:5&7. The people didn't understand why they weren't reaping from their labor in 1:6-9. They had made God their #2 priority. God says in Galatians 6:7-8, ***"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction..."***

Do you feel like you're giving careful thought to your ways? Rebuilding the Temple of God inside of you is a life-long project. Commit to making God your #1 priority today!

### Talk with God Today about Wanting to Make Him Your Priority

Ask Him how to "seek first the kingdom of God" Matthew 6:33. Then listen!

## DAY 6

### Start each day with God Talking about How You Lived the Last 24hrs

**Confess Wrongs & Victories... Learn from them... Adjust.**

### Connection Passage - Malachi 1:1-2:9

**You made it! Malachi** is the last minor prophet of the Old Testament. Malachi and Nehemiah preached to the Jews in Jerusalem around 430 B.C., about 86 years after the wall had been rebuilt. The Jews began to lose their love for worshipping the Lord and many of the same sins that originally took the Jews into captivity were again reigning in their lives. They were disappointed because they hadn't seen the fulfillment of **Messianic prophecies** that Isaiah and Jeremiah had proclaimed. After Malachi, all prophetic Words from God stopped until John the Baptist appeared over 400 years later!

What did the scriptures speak to you today? How can you apply this to your life?

Sin has hardened the people's hearts so much that the message of repentance no longer had any impact! How do you think you can keep your heart from getting hard?

As Christians, we often find ourselves in the same position as these priests. We can casually accept "small sins" in our lives! God gives us some clues in Chapter 2 of how to keep ourselves from backsliding. Write down how each clue could help you prevent this:

Set your heart to honor God 2:2 -

Revere God and stand in awe of Him 2:5 -

Nothing false was found on his lips 2:6 -

Follow His ways 2:9 -

### The Challenge

**God doesn't care about your sacrifice as much as He cares about your obedience.**

You can serve in kid's ministry, teach Bible studies, tithe regularly, but if you're not obeying, it's all for lost. Ask yourself if you have slipped into the habit of weighing your good works verses your sin. If you say to yourself, "I'm not that bad" or "I do a lot of good things," you are in the danger zone. Reflect on how to prevent this "works mentality" in your life.

### Sit with God in His Presence Today

Ask God what He wants you to learn from the message in Malachi today...

## DAY 5

Check in with God - Confess, Repent, Replace False Beliefs with Truth

Connection Passage - Zechariah 12:10-13:3; 14:1-9

What did God speak to you today in your reading?

This book is the most apocalyptic and Messianic of all the minor prophets. We see prophetic writings of Jesus in the first few verses today. God poured out the Holy Spirit at Pentecost 50 days after Christ's resurrection. **Write a note to God telling Him of your desire to have a fresh filling of the Spirit in your life.** As a Christian, the Spirit is in you but you are able to quench the Spirit through sin (1Thessalonians 5:19). In your note, you may need to confess and repent before you ask to be filled.

Zech 13:2 tells us there is a "spirit of impurity" that can influence an entire nation. **Write a note to God asking Him to remove any spirits that may be influencing you.** You have authority over these spirits in the power of Jesus' name (Mark 16:17).

### The Challenge

**The day of the Lord is coming** and on that day there will be only one King and one Lord. His name is Jesus! **Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord** (Phil 2:10-11). Are you preparing for that day? This is the most important thing in life. Starting today, how will you prepare for that day?

### Connect with Your Creator Today

Ask the Lord what that moment will be like when you meet Him face to face. Imagine!

## DAY 2

Meet with God Daily to Keep a Clear Conscience - Confess | Learn | Adjust

Connection Passage - Zechariah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:8

In 520 B.C., Zechariah was a young man when he began to prophecy to rebuild the TEMPLE and to prepare for the coming MESSIAH! One of Zechariah's greatest challenges was the **the spiritual apathy** that had set in due to opposition from their enemies as the Jews tried to rebuild the temple. Zechariah gave his life delivering this message. **Matthew 23:35** tells us he was murdered between the Alter and the Temple. **Do you think you would be willing to die for Jesus? Why or why not?**

What did the Lord touch you with as you read today?

We have spiritual enemies all around us. In Ephesians 6:10-12, who does God tell us is our real enemy? Who is not our enemy?

In Ephesians 6:13-19, how does God tell you to fight against this enemy? List "3" of the main ways we are told to fight against him:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Zech 1:6 is one of the most important recovery principles in the whole bible! Describe in your own words what this principle is and why it's so valuable in recovery.

In yesterday's reading in Haggai 1:14, it says that The Lord stirred up the "spirit" of Zerubbabel, Joshua, and the people. He moved them to want to begin this huge project. Describe a time that you believe the Lord moved you to take action.

### The Challenge

In today's reading in Zech 4:8, the great challenge we all face is to live, **"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty."** Describe below how to live this out in your own words!

### Take Time Daily to Build a Relationship with God

Ask Him about the unseen Spiritual battles going on all around and how it influences you!

## DAY 3

### Checking in with God Needs to Become a Daily Habit

Looking at your last 24 hrs., **Confess** any wrongs and **Proclaim** your victories! Write what you can **Learn** from them and any **Adjustments** you need to make.

### Connection Passage - Zechariah 8:1-23

What did God reveal to you today as you read His Word?

What “4” things did God want the people to do in V16-17?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Why does God say He hates these things in V17?

What “2” things does He say He loves in V19?

- 1.
- 2.

Why are these important for your recovery?

### The Challenge

**Our challenge today** is found in V23. It says these people believed God was with the Jewish people. Do those around us say that about us? About you? It is our mission for people to see us differently than the world, not in a weird way, but in a way that they want what we have because of our relationship with God. Start your day off each day thinking about **how you're going to represent Him that day**. At Work? With your wife and kids? If single, in your dating relationships? Driving?

### You get to Spend Time with God! Wow! Amazing!!

Ask Him how He wants you to be His ambassador here on earth...

## DAY 4

### Check in with God! (5 Minutes) - Confess | Learn | Adjust

### Connection Passage - Zechariah 9:9-10:4; 12:1-5

Any new revelation from God today as you read through the Connection Passage?

Over 500 years before Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Zechariah prophesied in V9:9 that Jesus would ride in on a donkey. Every Gospel covers this historic event. How does a prophecy being fulfilled like this change how you view God? How does it help you trust God with your life?

What “3” things does the Lord say He does in V12:1.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Why did God put these in His Bible? How do they affect you as you reflect on them?

### The Challenge

Zech 12:5 says the people were strong because the Lord Almighty was their God! In 2 Corinthians, Jesus said to Paul, **“God's power is made perfect in weakness.”** Then Paul says, **“When I am weak then I am strong.”** Write below how God can make you stronger in your weakness. What does that look like?

### You Can Talk Intimately with God Right Now

Ask Him a question today that you have never asked Him before...