

Pull Yourself Together

“Be Strong and Get to Work!”

Haggai 2:1-9

How do I respond when I'm
discouraged?

Background

- Medes/Persians, King Cyrus, have defeated the Babylonians (539 B.C.)
- King Cyrus allows Jews to go back to Jerusalem
- Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, and Zechariah were contemporaries
- Ezra was tasked with the responsibility of rebuilding the temple and after 16 years ... it still wasn't done.

Responses to Discouragement

- Take a good look at where you are and what got you here v.3

Psalm 51:6

- Step up in strength v.4a

Acts 2:14

- Step out in faith ... Get to work v.4b

I Corinthians 15:58

Responses to Discouragement

- Recognize God's presence and relax v.4c-5
Exodus 33:12-14
- Remember the great things to come v.5-9
Romans 8:18-25