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CHEERS AND TEARS: CRAIG REES

The Beauty of Multi-Generational Worship



Ezra 3:1–13

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And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

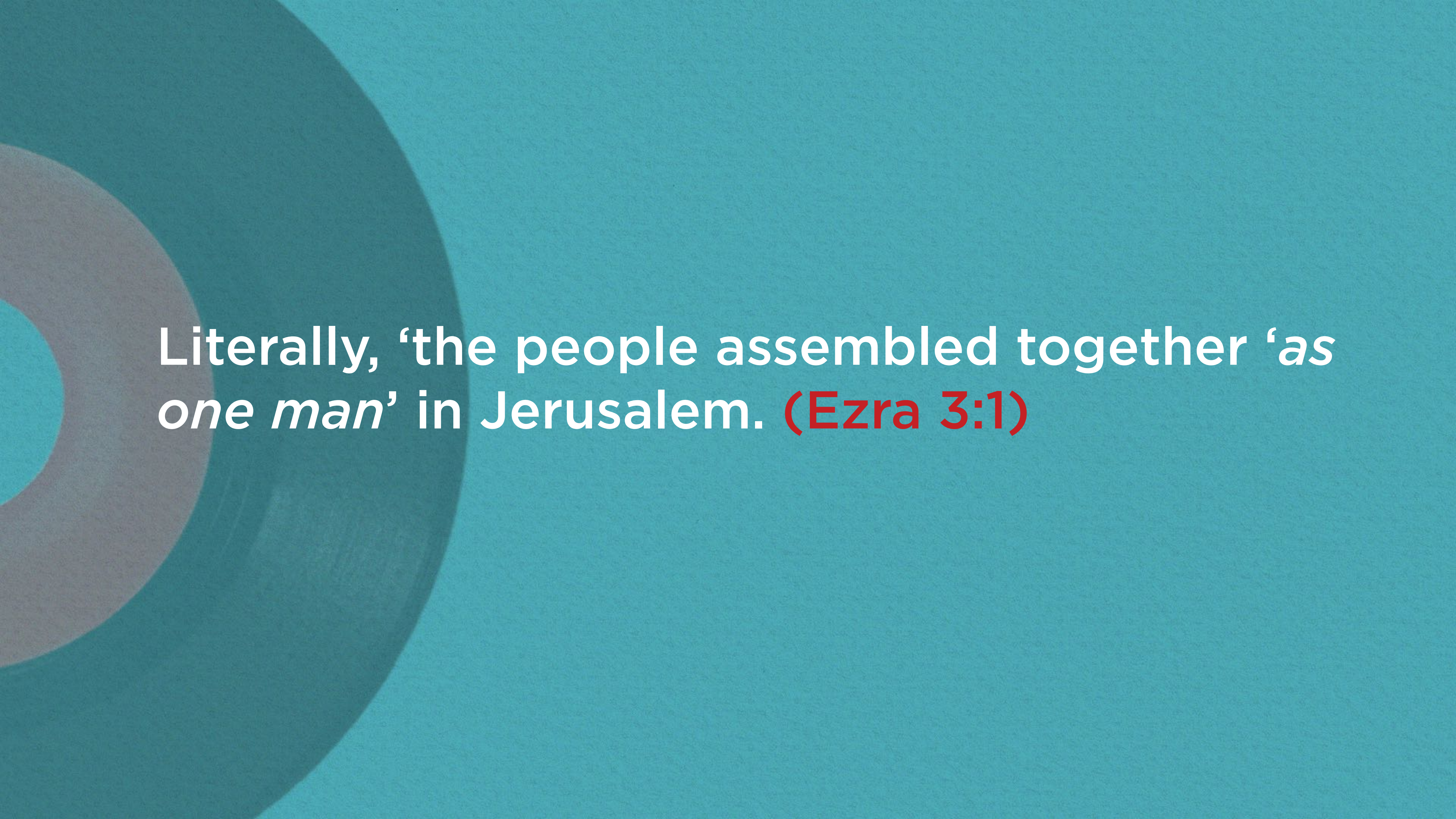
Ezra 3:11c-13



Why Cheers



1. New Opportunities (vv1,7,9)



Literally, 'the people assembled together '*as one man*' in Jerusalem. (Ezra 3:1)



“joined together” (Ezra 3:9)

literally, “to take one’s stand as one.”



Despite their fear of the peoples around
them. (Ezra 3:3a)

Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and gave food and drink and olive oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, so that they would bring cedar logs by sea from Lebanon to Joppa, as authorized by Cyrus king of Persia.

Ezra 3:7



1. New Opportunities (vv1,7,9)

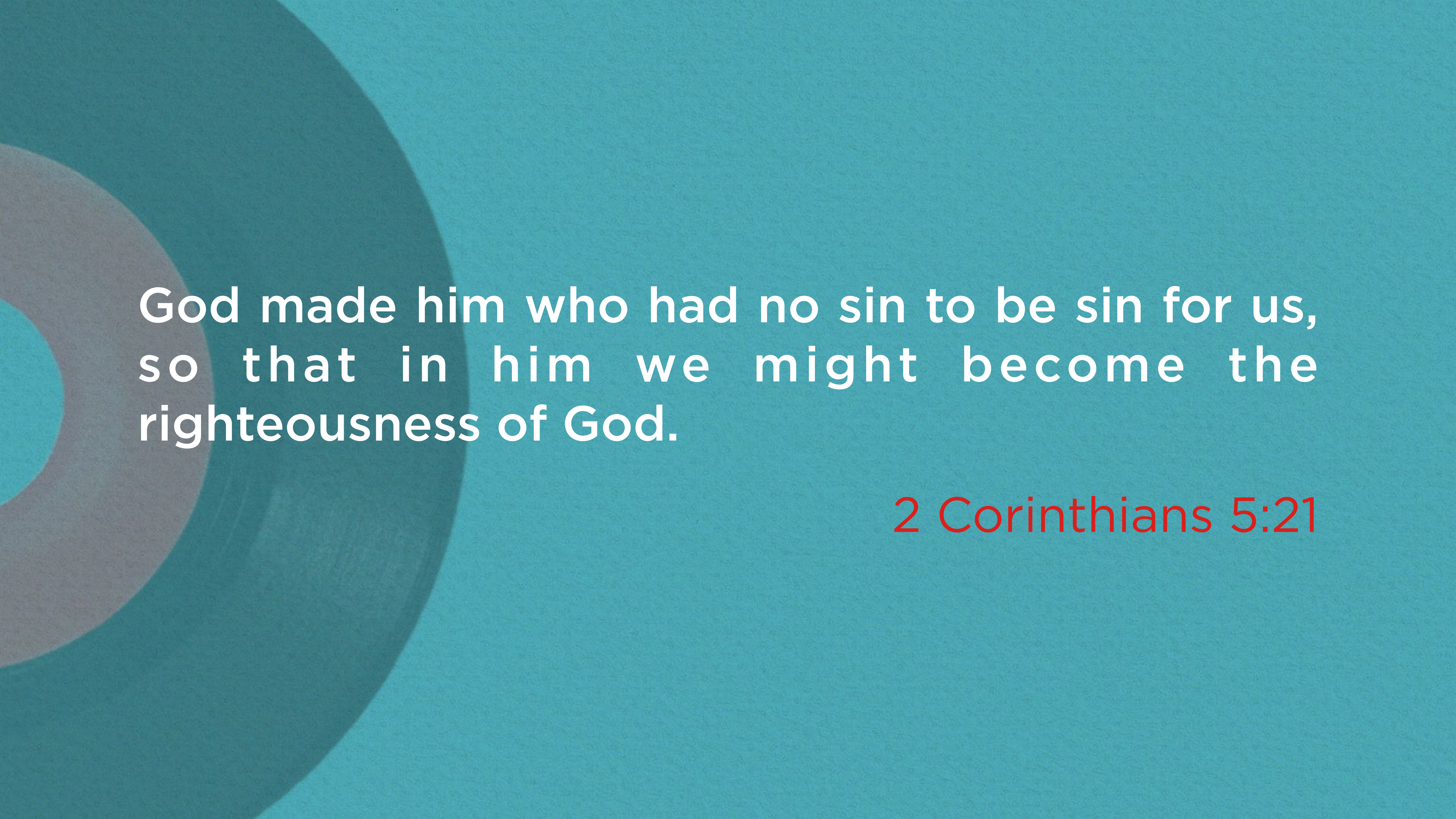
2. New Beginnings (vv3-5,11)

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?” Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

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The angel said to those who were standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes.” Then he said to Joshua, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you.

Zechariah 3:1-4



God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become the
righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

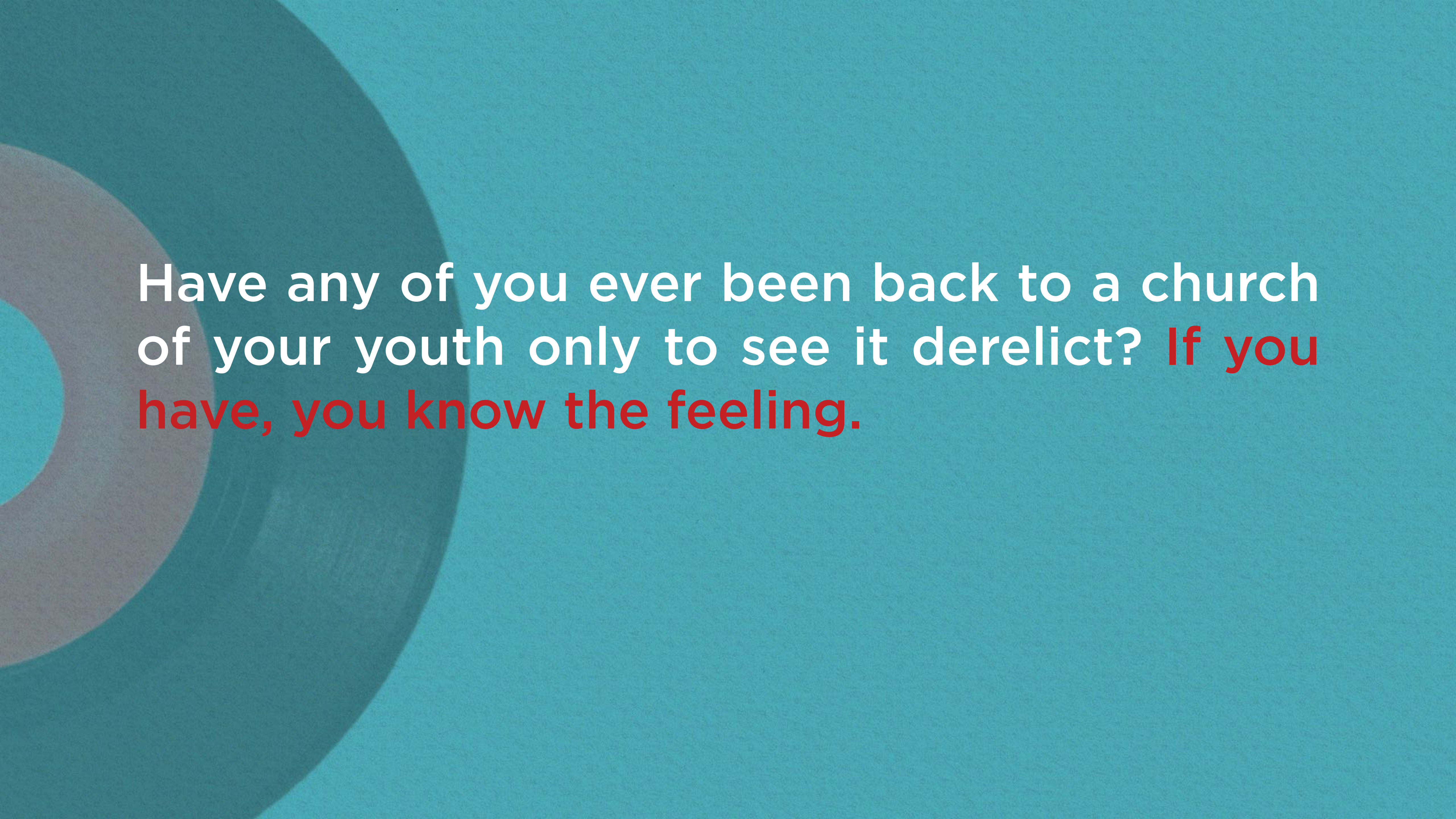


Why

Tears



1. Lost Identification (vv6-12)



Have any of you ever been back to a church
of your youth only to see it derelict? **If you
have, you know the feeling.**



1. Lost Identification (vv6-12)

2. Different Feel (vv8, 10-11)

Levites

1. Numbers 4:3



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2. Numbers 8:24 by Moses



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3. 1 Chronicles 23:24 by David



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Levites (74) < Priests (4,289)

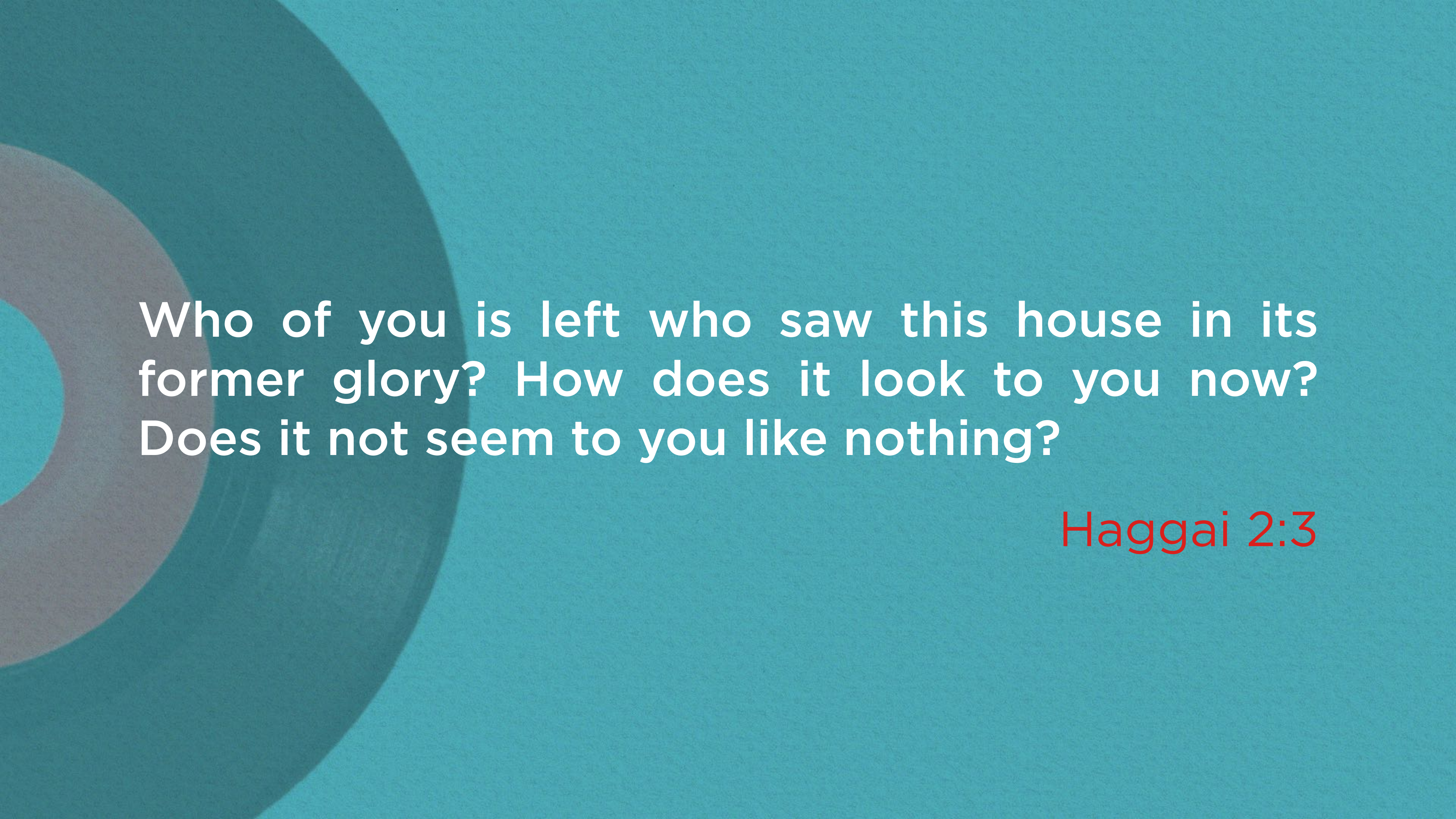
These were tough times.



**Cheers
Tears
Hears**



Biblical worship prioritizes **obedience**
over emotionalism of any kind.

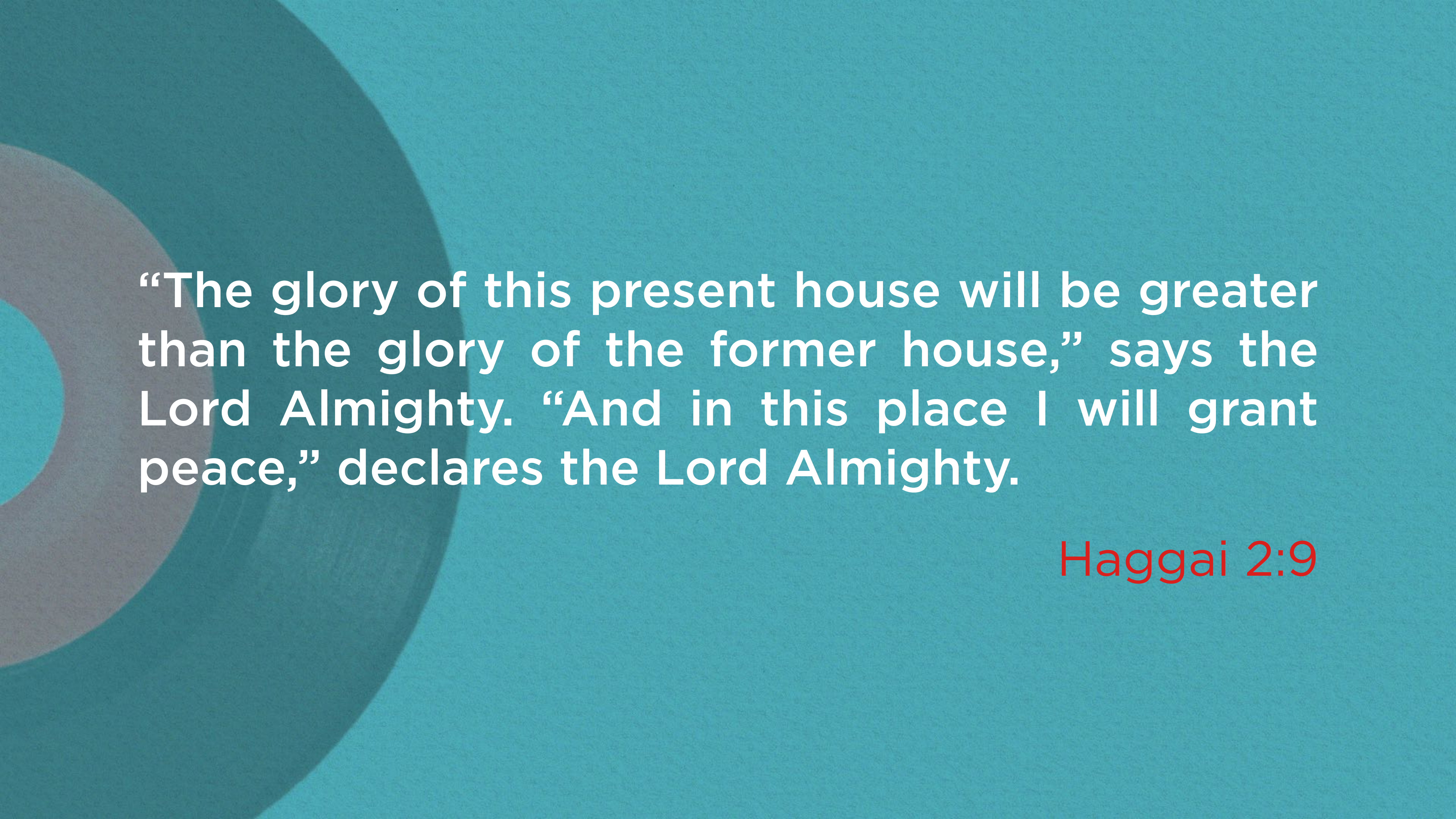


Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?

Haggai 2:3

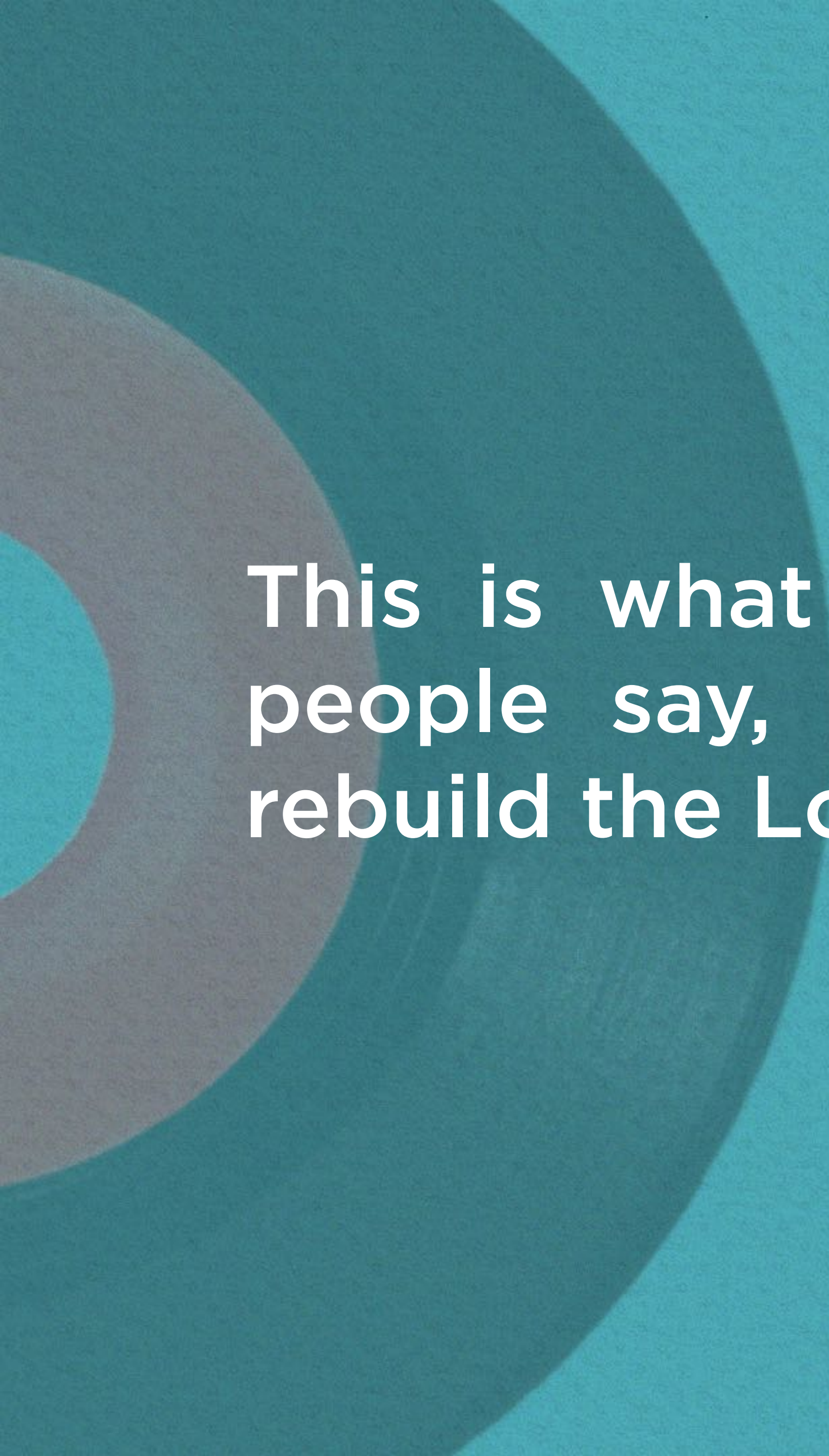
“But now be strong, Zerubbabel,” declares the Lord. “Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,” declares the Lord, “and work. For I am with you,” declares the Lord Almighty. “This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.”

Haggai 2:4-5

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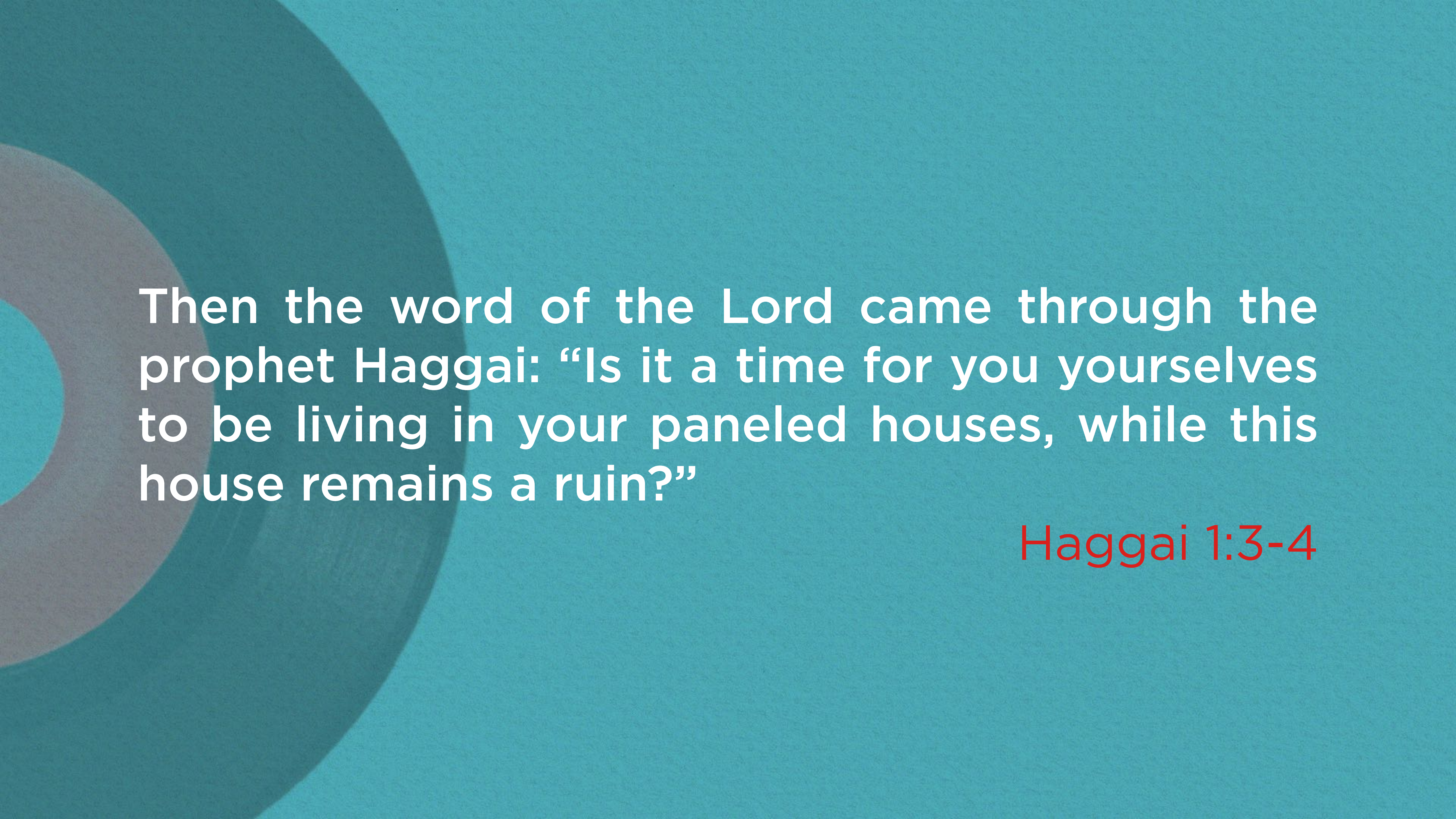
“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,” says the Lord Almighty. “And in this place I will grant peace,” declares the Lord Almighty.

Haggai 2:9



This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’”

Haggai 1:2

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Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

Haggai 1:3-4

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.” This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.

Haggai 1:5-8

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Worship isn't worship when **we cheer.**

Worship isn't worship when we **shed a tear.**

Worship is when our cheers and our tears
are transformed by **what we hear.**

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