

## Principles for Building 102: Trusting God to be God!

### 1) Trusting God's forgiveness they set up an altar, 3:1-5.

- The challenge of building drove them to the presence of God.

- We must have things **right with God** to face our fears.

### 2) Trusting God's provision they began the work, 3:6-9.

- They made a beginning, 3:8.
- They knew the importance of following through.

- We must face our fears and **begin the work** as God leads.

### 3) Trusting God's goodness they worship, 3:10-13.

- Some praised God for his goodness, 3:11.
- But some merely cried.

- We must always, **always worship.**

#### ■ ENTER STAGE LEFT: Haggai and Zechariah ...

- Addressing this "eyes on the demographic, eyes away from God" human perspective.

#### (Zechariah 4:6-10) Zechariah said ...

- That God would be the one who would accomplish this work, 4:6.
- That by God's Spirit Zerubbabel would flatten mountains, 4:7a.
- That by God's Spirit he would set the last stone to shouts of praise.
- That God promised completion of the work by Zerubbabel, 4:8-9.
- That even those who saw only small things would rejoice, 4:10.

#### (Haggai 2:1-9) Haggai also addressed God's perspective ...

- He spoke to those who saw the former glory and thought this project was nothing, 2:1-3.
- He exhorted them to be strong and to work, 2:4-5.
- He said that God would shake things up and fill this house with his glory, 2:6-7.
- He said that what looked like less glory from **the human side** would be more glory from **the God side**, 2:8-9a.
- He said that he will give peace, 2:9b.

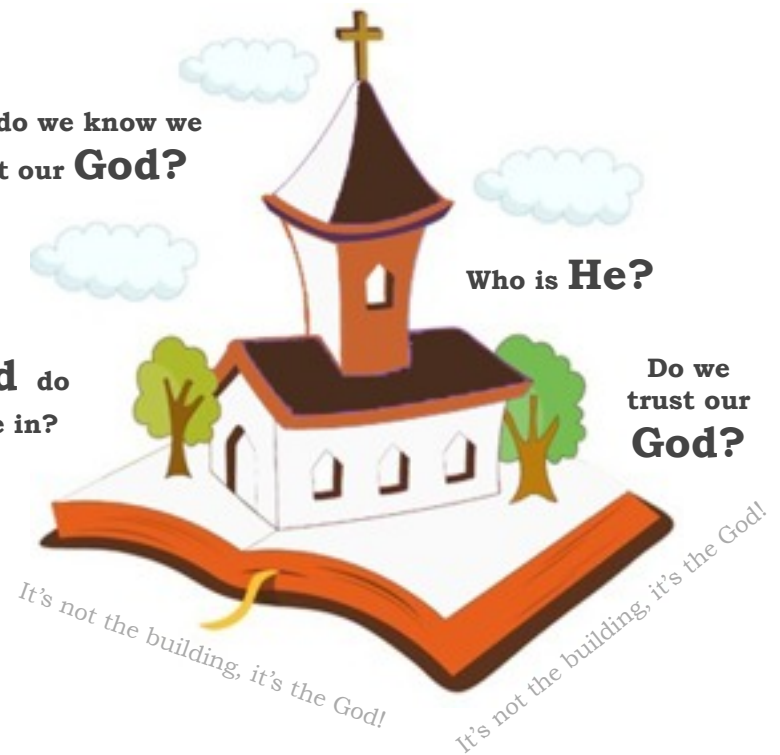
## It's not the building!

How do we know we trust our **God**?

Who is **He**?

What **God** do we believe in?

Do we trust our **God**?



## It's the God!

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit."

(Zechariah 4:6b)

... Says the LORD of hosts.