

# **Not by Power Nor by Might**

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**Zechariah 4:1-10**

## **1. This vision seen by Zechariah came to encourage Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah:**

- Israel had been miraculously delivered from captivity in Babylon
- Zerubbabel had made many attempts at rebuilding the Temple
- The lampstand represented an abundance of God's Holy Spirit
- That there will never be any lack of his spirit as long as we stay connected to him.

## **2. Not by power or by might:**

- The message to Zerubbabel was that all his work for God depended not on human strength, power, or prowess, but upon God's Spirit for fruition.
- It is God's spirit who prospers and perfects our work for Him, of which there is no shortage.
- We should not be looking for power or our strength in numbers:
  1. Where there are two or three gathered in his name –on one accord, leaning on Him
  2. God is looking for a few that is totally sold out to Him that is depending on his Holy Spirit. That realize they can be strong in the power of His might.
  3. Any mountain standing in our way of doing God's bidding, shall be flattened
  4. If God be for us – who is crazy enough to be against us?
  5. He that began a good work in us will perfect it until the day of the Lord.
  6. The author and finisher of our faith is the Lord

## **3. Don't despise the small things:**

- Many of the people made unfavorable comparisons between this Temple and the original one built by Solomon
- This one was smaller and didn't have the same glory as the first – bigger is not always better if God did not call you to do the bigger
- As long as you are doing what He called you to do, it is looked on with his favor
  1. Nehemiah was ridiculed by his enemies when he and a small crew set out to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem
  2. Out of all the big, strong and handsome sons of Jesse, David was the chosen one
  3. Gideon started with a large army but the Lord reduced them down to a few
- Be faithful in the small opportunities and leave the results to God
- God rejoices in what is right, not necessarily in what is big

## **4. It is the Spirit of God that enables the will of God to be done – Be it big or small.**