

Title: “Not by Might, Not by Power—But by My Spirit!”

Introduction:

When we face obstacles, disappointments, and impossibilities, our natural inclination is to try harder, fight harder, or figure things out in our own strength. But God reminds us that the true power to overcome doesn't come from human effort—it comes from the Holy Spirit. In Zechariah 4:6, the Lord declares:

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,”

Says the Lord of hosts. — Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)

This message was given during a time when God's people were emerging from exile, called to rebuild a ruined temple with nothing but rubble in sight. Yet God told them it would not be by human strength or cleverness that they'd succeed, but by His Spirit.

This teaching will encourage you to let go of striving in the flesh and step into the flow of the Spirit of God, who alone can finish what He starts.

1. God Chooses the Weak to Reveal His Strength

Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, stood before a monumental task: rebuilding God's temple from ruins. The assignment looked impossible. But God chose a man with no army, no wealth, and no resources so that His glory would be revealed.

“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple;

His hands shall also finish it.” — Zechariah 4:9a (NKJV)

Just as God used Zerubbabel, He wants to use you. It doesn't matter if people said you'd never amount to anything. You may not come from a prestigious background, but you were chosen for a divine assignment. All God needs is your surrender.

- ◆ God doesn't need your resume—He needs your yes.
- ◆ God's Spirit qualifies the called, even when the world disqualifies them.
- ◆ You may be overlooked by man, but you are handpicked by God.

2. Miracles Begin When You Let Go and Trust the Spirit

When Moses was born, Pharaoh tried to stop God's plan by killing the Hebrew boys. But Moses' mother let go—literally—and entrusted her son into God's hands. She placed him in a basket on the Nile, and God supernaturally directed that basket right to Pharaoh's daughter.

“But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him... and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.” — Exodus 2:3 (NKJV)

When she let go, God took over.

- ◆ Sometimes the miracle comes after you let go.
- ◆ Take your hands off the situation so God can put His hands on it.
- ◆ If you cling to control, you'll delay the supernatural.

God did what no Hebrew mother could imagine: Pharaoh, the very man trying to destroy Moses, ended up raising him. That's what the Spirit of God can do—He turns enemies into footstools and impossibilities into testimonies.

3. The Holy Spirit Is the Difference Maker

The reason we can't rely on our might or power is because our resources are limited. But the Holy Spirit is limitless. He's the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and He lives in every believer.

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...” — Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

Zerubbabel finished his assignment not because he was strong, but because the Spirit of God enabled him.

- ◆ Your breakthrough doesn't depend on your strength, but on the Spirit's power.
- ◆ When the Holy Spirit gets involved, closed doors open and dry bones live.
- ◆ The Holy Spirit turns ordinary people into divine instruments.

4. Stop Listening to the Lies—Start Believing the Truth

Maybe like that young boy Bruce, you've been told you won't make it. Maybe you've heard, “You'll never succeed,” or “You're not smart enough.” But God's Word always overrules the lies of the enemy.

“Let God be true but every man a liar.” — Romans 3:4 (NKJV)

Bruce was labeled a failure by teachers, but after receiving prayer, he went on to become a district attorney. His sister became a schoolteacher in the same city that said they'd never succeed.

- ◆ The devil is a liar and the father of lies.
- ◆ God's Spirit breaks every label the world places on you.
- ◆ If God starts it, He'll finish it.

5. The Spirit Is Moving—Now Let Him Finish the Work

Whether you're facing a family crisis, financial lack, health problems, or spiritual stagnation—don't let your own efforts get in the way of what God wants to do. Step aside and let the Spirit take over.

“Before they call, I will answer;
And while they are still speaking, I will hear.” — Isaiah 65:24 (NKJV)

Just as Moses' mother had to trust God with her child, you must trust Him with your situation. Whether it's a lost child, a broken marriage, or a ministry dream—put it in God's hands.

- ◆ God does it best when we stop trying to do it ourselves.
- ◆ You don't need to understand the how—you just need to surrender.
- ◆ It's not by might. Not by power. But by the Spirit!

Follow-Up Prayer:

Prayer to Let Go and Trust the Holy Spirit:

Heavenly Father,

I come to You in Jesus' name, thanking You for this word of truth. Lord, I confess that I've tried to do things in my own strength. I've carried burdens You never asked me to carry. I've worried, strategized, and stressed over things that belong in Your hands.

Today, I choose to let go.

I take my hands off of what only Your Spirit can do. I lay down my worries, my plans, and my pain. I release the situations in my life—my family, my finances, my health, my ministry, my future—into Your sovereign hands.

Father, I declare:

It's not by might.

It's not by power.

But it is by Your Spirit, says the Lord of hosts!

I ask You to move in every situation that concerns me. Heal what's broken, restore what's lost, and bring back what the enemy tried to steal. I believe You are working, even when I don't see it. I trust that You are making a way where there is no way.

Holy Spirit, come and finish what You started in me.

Equip me, anoint me, and empower me to walk in victory.

Let Your power be revealed in my weakness.

Let Your name be glorified in my life.

And I boldly declare:

I will make it, in Jesus' name!

I am not defeated—I am more than a conqueror!

I receive fresh fire and fresh grace, right now, by Your Spirit.

In Jesus' mighty name I pray,

Amen and Amen!

Closing Words:

Friend, whatever you're facing today—remember: it's not by your might, not by your own power, but by the Spirit of the living God. The battle belongs to Him. Trust Him. Lean on Him. Surrender it all—and watch the miracle unfold.

You're going to make it!

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