

Not by Might, nor by Power, but by My Spirit

Zechariah 4:1-5:11 We sing a song in our church based on this scripture. This song is saying it is not by our own might or strength that we do God's will. It is by the might and power of the Spirit that we are able to do anything for the Lord on this earth. The Holy Spirit is the might and power of God. The Holy Spirit manifests God's works and wonders on this earth, and these wonders and works reveal God's might and power. We can only see the wind by watching the trees rustle their leaves and sway to and fro. God's Spirit manifests God's power and might throughout the earth and also through our own lives. We are vessels of the Lord created to contain His Spirit. We have to remember, however, we are not to keep this treasure to ourselves. We are to manifest God's glory (His might, light and power) to others by allowing the Holy Spirit to rustle us, to stir us up and to pour the oil of His anointing from these earthen vessels to all those we encounter throughout the day.

God intends for us to do mighty exploits for Him today, but we must be filled with the Spirit and anointed by the Spirit for this to become a reality in our lives. Whenever I try to do things in my own strength I fail miserably. So often I overcommit myself to people and to doing things, and I feel overwhelmed. When this happens the Holy Spirit whispers this gentle reminder in my ears. "You can do all things through Christ who gives you the strength." Suddenly the pressure and stress of what I am facing is removed, and joy replaces worry. His joy begins to strengthen me for whatever task I am facing.

One of the prayers I pray often in the morning is the one below. Maybe you would like to join me as I pray this today:

Lord, give me strength to face whatever this day may bring. Empower me by Your Spirit to walk in Your ways and to do Your

will. I depend upon Your might and power totally and refuse to do things in my own strength. Thank You, Lord, for the Holy Spirit who is Your might and power.

**READ: Zechariah 4:1-5:11; Revelation 14:1-20; Psalm 142:1-7;
Proverbs 30:21-23**