

Water of Life Community Church

ZECHARIAH – IMPARTING HOPE

WEEK TWO

ZECHARIAH 4:1-9

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Zerubbabel was not a great leader. He'd failed at leading well for years and hadn't given any indication he might turn that around. The rebuilding of the temple was a mountain of a task that had sat unfinished for 17 years. Few people probably had any confidence that Zerubbabel could lead to successful completion. Then God spoke to him through the prophet Zechariah. Zerubbabel's weakness was an opportunity for God to reveal His strength.

This is true for us, too. No matter how great our need, God is never outmatched. He has unlimited power to help, comfort, and care for us. In Christ, each one of us can overcome every fear and fault if we will come to Him and allow His Spirit to fall on us and empower us daily.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ ZECHARIAH 4:1-5.

- a. God wanted Zechariah to identify what God was showing him. If God asked you right now, "What do you see?" how would you answer?
- b. How does your perspective about the challenges you face change when you consider the character and promises of God?
- c. What are some signs a person believes that God will provide the power for success?
- d. What are some signs a person is trying to achieve success by human power, instead?

2. READ ZECHARIAH 4:6-7.

- a. Why did God want Zechariah to deliver this message to Zerubbabel? Why wasn't it enough for Zechariah to know God would supply the power needed?
- b. Which of God's names does Zechariah use in verse 6? Why?

c. Why do you think God called the mountain "great" in verse 7? What is the difference between minimizing the greatness of our difficulties and acknowledging God's greatness over our difficulties? What danger is there in the former tact?

d. From verse 7, what does God intend to accomplish in and through our difficulties?

3. READ ZECHARIAH 4:8-9.

a. Do you think Zechariah felt strange making such a bold statement about Zerubbabel who hadn't led well for nearly two decades? Explain.

b. Do you feel strange believing that, despite fears, doubts, weaknesses, and apathy, God is not done with you? Explain.

c. From these verses, why isn't God done with you?

d. The power of God and your commitment to trusting and joining Him in His purposes are complementary. What steps can you take to remember and rest in the fact that the Lord is the one who will ultimately turn your situation around?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

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MEMORY VERSE

Zechariah 4:6 Christian Standard Version (CSV)

So he answered me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by strength or by might, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord of Armies.

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