



# CHOSEN: To Build By MY Spirit

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*Zechariah 4:6*

*...‘Not by might nor  
by power, but  
by MY Spirit.’*



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## Background



- ❖ God's people (Kingdom of Judah)
- ❖ Nebuchanezzar, King of Chaldeans/Babylon
- ❖ Holy Temple in Jerusalem destroyed
- ❖ Persian King, Cyrus

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*Ezra 1:1-3*

*...Lord moved the  
heart of Cyrus*



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## Background



- ❖ Zerubbabel (Govenor of Judah)
- ❖ Enemies of Judah
- ❖ Construction works ceased and delayed (Til 520B.C)

## Background



- ❖ King Darius
- ❖ Haggai & Zechariah

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## 1. Not By Might



- ❖ Return of the remnants
- ❖ Rebuilding of the temple



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*Ezra 4:3*

*... "You have nothing  
in common with us  
in building a house  
to our God."*



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## 1. Not By Might



- ❖ Return of the remnants
- ❖ Rebuilding of the temple
- ❖ Opposition, construction stopped
- ❖ Apathy
- ❖ Dwindled in strength

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*Haggai 1:2,4  
...the time has not  
come...Is It??*



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*"Don't sit  
around and wait for  
might, listen to the  
direction of My Spirit  
and move out in  
faith."*



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Judges 7

*"Gideon defeated the  
Midianites"*



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# 1. Not By Might



## ❖ Cheap substitutes

Cheap Substitute #1: Instead of depending on the Holy Spirit we rely on ourselves

- Our energy
- Our skills
- Our ingenuity
- Our personality



Cheap Substitute #2: Instead of depending on the Holy Spirit we rely on modern techniques

- Better technology
- Fundraising gimmicks
- Specialized training
- More staff members
- Livelier music and flashier programs
- Trendy wardrobe, hairdo, web site ...



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## 2. Not By Power



- ❖ Might – Power
- ❖ Authoritative power
- ❖ Depend on the power of God



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1 Samuel 17  
*"David & Goliath"*



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### 3. By MY Spirit



❖ Build spiritually

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*John 15:5*

*...apart from me you  
can do nothing*



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### 3. By MY Spirit



- ❖ Build spiritually
- ❖ Christian life, home, congregation, grace
- ❖ God's Spirit – It's a must

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***Without Him We Can Do Nothing***

*A city full of Churches,  
Great preachers, lettered men,  
Grand music, choirs and organs,  
If these all fail-what then?*

*Good workers, eager, earnest,  
Who labor by the hour:  
But where, oh where, my brother,  
Is God's Almighty Power?*

*Refinement-education,  
They have the very best.  
Their plans and schemes are perfect,  
They give themselves no rest.*

*They get the best of talent,  
They try their uttermost,  
But what they need, my brother,  
Is God--the Holy Ghost.*

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1 Cor. 2  
*"Apostle Paul"*



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