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“6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”

Introduction: _____

● *“Anything done in our own strength will fail miserably, or succeed even more miserably.”*

I. Astounding _____

A. A _____ faith

HAGGAI 1:3-5

“3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.”

MATTHEW 6:33

“33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

“18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

● *“The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.”—George Müller*

ZECHARIAH 1:3

“3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.”

1. People must turn to the Lord. (Loving God)
2. People must know the will of the Lord. (Growing Together)
3. People must serve the Lord. (Serving Others)

B. A _____ temple

MATTHEW 17:20

“20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”

● “If God is in it, He will develop it.”—**Dr. Bobby Roberson**

II. Amazing _____

● “You can be straight as a gun barrel doctrinally, but be empty spiritually.”—**Vance Havner**

A. The _____ of the oil

ISAIAH 60:1-3

- “1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
- 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
- 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.”

ISAIAH 62:1

“1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.”

1. Is available

EPHESIANS 5:18

“18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”

ACTS 10:38

“38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

2 CORINTHIANS 1:21

“21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;”

1 JOHN 2:27

“27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”

2. Is neglected

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

“19 Quench not the Spirit.”

a. Because of sin

EPHESIANS 4:30

“30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

b. Because of pride

JAMES 4:6

“6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”

MATTHEW 26:33

“33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.”

c. Because of pettiness



“I will place no value on anything I have or possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance that Kingdom, it shall be given or kept whichever will best promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes, both for time and eternity.”—**David Livingstone**

B. The _____ of the oil

HAGGAI 2:5

“5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.”



“There are three ways we can attempt to do the work of God: we can trust our own strength and wisdom; we can borrow the resources of the world; or we can depend on the power of God.”



“Only work done through the power of the Spirit will glorify God and endure the fires of His judgment (1 Cor. 3:12–15).”

The Power of the Holy Spirit

- Enables Us to Go

ACTS 1:8

“8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

- Enables Us to Serve

1 PETER 4:10

“10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

- Enables Us to Give

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-9

“7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

- Enables Us to Preach and Teach

ACTS 6:8

“8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.”

ACTS 6:10

“10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.”

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5

“4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

- Enables Us to Stay

“The person of Christ appeared ineffably excellent, with an excellency great enough to swallow up all thought and conception...which kept me, the bigger part of the time, in a flood of tears and weeping aloud. I felt an ardeny of soul to be...emptied and annihilated, to lie in the dust and be full of Christ alone; to love Him with a

holy and pure love; to trust in Him; to live upon Him; to serve and follow Him, and to be totally wrapped up in the fullness of Christ, and to be perfectly sanctified and made pure, with a divine and heavenly purity.”

—**Jonathan Edwards** extractions from his private diary

ACTS 6:15–7:1

“15 *And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.*

7:1 *Then said the high priest, Are these things so?”*

ACTS 7:54–56

“54 *When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.*

55 *But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,*

56 *And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.”*

III. Available _____

A. God provides _____ for His servants.

ZECHARIAH 4:14

“14 *Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”*

EXODUS 30:31–33

“31 *And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.*

32 *Upon man’s flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you.*

33 *Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.”*

B. God provides _____ for His servants.

1. To overcome adversity

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

“9 *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:15–16

“15 *For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.*

16 *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.”*

JOHN 16:33

“33 *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”*

● “Life is full of adversity, and life is also full of the overcoming of it.”—**Helen Keller**

2. To complete the task

Conclusion: _____

● “We say we depend on the Holy Spirit, but actually we are so wired up with our own devices that if the fire does not fall from heaven, we can turn on a switch and produce false fire of our own. If there is no sound of a rushing mighty wind, we have the furnace all set to blow hot air instead. God save us from a synthetic Pentecost!”

—**Vance Havner**

HAGGAI 2:1-5

- “1 *In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,*
- 2 *Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,*
- 3 *Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?*
- 4 *Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:*
- 5 *According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.”*



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