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DO IT GOD'S WAY

Scripture: Zechariah 4:6- So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

Observation: Zerubbabel was being told that the work of the Lord which he was tasked to do would be completed God's way by his spirit.

Application/Analysis: When God gives us a job to do, most if not all the time it is bigger and beyond our natural established resources and rightfully so we respond to God by telling Him that we are not qualified or capable and do not have the resources or the time and bla, bla, bla. All of this to which he metaphorically takes a deep breath, pats us on the head and reminds us that the job will be accomplished by His spirit not by our own strength. Philippians 4:13 says, I can do all this through him who gives me strength. I would also offer that the opposite is true, which is that I can do nothing without Him who gives me strength. I would remind both you and me that if we choose to take matters into our own hands, God who gives us free will, will allow it. This means that if you do "it" your way with your skills and desires then you will get your outcome. However, when we submit to the will and influence of the Holy Spirit, we will get the result that God desires. Which do you think will provide the best outcome? Personally, I like to park as the Apostle Paul parks in that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose. That means if we do things God's way, it will be done right. You see God calls us, equips us, and sends us in his own timing and process. Yes, this is absolutely tough sometimes to render such submission and patience but again, God is in control and as we mature in our faith we come to realize and accept that God's way is exactly the way it should be.

Prayer: Thank you father. You give us all that we need to live holy and serve you. Please increase faith to help us follow you rather than run ahead or avoid your plans. In Jesus name - AMEN!

Takeaway: There is an old saying, "Let go and Let God." It is still applicable as mature believers trust in God to lead even when we don't see the entire path, process, or outcome. That, my friend, is the definition of faith in action.