

JOHN

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO



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THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

PART VI: FINAL WORDS

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Because it's not about your power, when the Holy Spirit beckons you to follow him into one of his assignments, you will almost always go through a crisis of faith. God will likely assign things to you that you feel entirely unable to accomplish. But if God wants to show off his power in you, why would he invite you to something you could already do without him? He often gives us things much larger than our abilities so that we have no choice but to depend on him and then give him the glory.

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The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation

Exodus 15:2

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us

Psalms 62:8

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit

Zechariah 4:6



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Shining a Floodlight

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John 16:12–15



It is as if the Spirit stands behind us, throwing light over our shoulder, on Jesus, who stands facing us. The Spirit's message to us is never, "Look at me; listen to me; come to me; get to know me," but always "Look at him, and see his glory; listen to him, and hear his word; go to him, and have life; get to know him, and taste his gift of joy and peace.

— J. I. Packer

