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Song

Do what you want to do, say what you want to say, move the way you want to move...we're you're people. Lord we set the stage for You. With our worship and our praise. For you to do what You do. And our desire is that Your will be done 3x Here we are.

Zechariah 4:1-6

*1Then the angel who talked with me returned and woke me up, like someone awakened from sleep. 2He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps. 3Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." 4I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" 5He answered, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I replied. 6So 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.*

God is always previous. Von Hugel

You can't surprise God...but there are certain things that surprised God in Scripture, one of them is faith. **When something in the Bible gets God's attention, it should get yours.** Faith when it's exercised like it ought to be exercised it gets God's attention. Jesus marveled at the faith of the centurion. He said *"I'm not worthy for your to come to my house."*

Matthew 8:5-13

*5When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, 6"Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain." 7Jesus said, "I will come and heal him." 8But the officer said, "**Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.** 9I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it."*

10When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel! 11And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. 12But many Israelites—those for whom the Kingdom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, "Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened." And the young servant was healed that same hour.

The Centurion said, "I too, am a man under authority." I can recognize people that are in authority. I can see people who are in authority because I'm under authority. When you want authority, you can't get authority. **When you're under authority you don't have a desire for it.** I say to one go and he goes. I say to another come and he comes. I have soldiers that when I

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say do this they do it. I don't need you to come to my house, all I need for you to do is just say the Word. If you say the Word, my servant will be healed. Jesus said, "Ok it's done."

In the first Superman movie, he's at the window. Lois Lane is hanging out the window and Superman fly in, picks her up and says, "I've got you." She replies, "But who's got you?!" **Somewhere in Jesus' life there were things that got done because He know how to get them done.** Just say the Word.

The moment Jesus said your servant is healed the Holy Spirit said, "**I got this.**" Normally, when we cast out demons we're really demonstrative about it. We snarl and yell. When the Pharisees told Jesus that He was casting out demons by Beelzebub, Matt 12 says He replied, "*If I cast out demons by the Spirit of God,*" Luke 11 says *by the finger of God.* I like that phrase the finger of God.

Matt 12:28

*But if it is **by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons,** then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

Luke 11:20

*But if I drive out demons **by the finger of God,** then the kingdom of God has come upon you*

The first time it's mentioned in the Scriptures is in Exodus 8:19 when the magicians of Egypt said to Pharaoh during the plagues, "This is the finger of God." There's something that Jesus could do because he had power. He knew how to use the power entrusted to him. God says to Moses, just a few things need to take place. He tells him what signs to do and he turns the water into blood and the magicians could do it too. In the movie the Prince of Egypt this little fat magician starts singing, "*You're playing with the big boys now.*" That is magic 101. Moses was taken a nod until Aaron's rod ate up all the magician's sticks. For every miracle they did, those guys did the same one, until the gnats. They said, "We can't do gnats." Then here's what they said, "*I think this is the finger of God.*" **When the enemy can't do what God can do, then you're looking at the finger.** Don't let God give you the finger.

Jesus says, "**I cast out demons by the Holy Spirit.**" It's not just the casting out of demons. **Everything I do as an expression or act by the power of God it's by the Spirit.** It's by the Holy Ghost. Jesus stands in a moment of time and He can say to a situation from a distance, "*It's done.*" He told the disciples, "*It is to your advantage that I leave. if I don't go then He can't come.*" (John 16:7) The problem with the advantage is...

We're in the Last Supper place. John has his head on Jesus' shoulder. Anytime the other disciples want to know something from Jesus they ask John, "*What did He say?*" Here's the problem. **Only one head can rest on Him in this place.** John isn't going to give that up for anybody. All of us want intimacy with Him. All of us want that wonderful relationship. Unless Jesus leaves, you can't have it. **Jesus in the flesh is Jesus somewhere. Jesus in the Spirit is Jesus everywhere** and everyone of us can have that relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit is Jesus everywhere. When Jesus says your servant is healed, it's because the Holy Spirit is already there. When Jesus says it, the Holy Spirit says, "**I've got this.**"

He's entrusting to you this dependency on Him. **If you believe in Me, the works that I do you will do also and greater works shall you do because I go to my Father.** (John 14:12) It's not greater in quality. Don't think you can out do Jesus in the miraculous. It's mega - multiplicity

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1000 people doing miracles is already in greater capacity. We thin that everything that Jesus did, He did it as either man or God. If He multiplied the fish it was God. If He healed the sick it was God. If he ate food, it was man. **Jesus never did anything as God. If He did. you can't. He had to do them all as someone totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit.**

How did God do what God did? God used faith.

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Isaiah 34:16

*¹⁶ Seek from the book of the Lord, and read: Not one of these [creatures] will be missing; **None will lack its mate.** For His mouth has commanded, And His Spirit has gathered them.*

Everyone Word that He spoke has mate. Delay is not necessarily denial. Sometimes when something is delayed, it's denied...but somewhere there's a fulfillment to that word.

A lady once had a miscarriage and my wife gave her a Word, "God's gonna give you two for one." And later she had twins! I don't know how that works, but I know the Spirit had something to do with it. His Spirit has gathered them.

The Holy Spirit is active in creation. I Gen. Chapter 1: 1-2

*1In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, **and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.***

Moved - means he brooded - the way hens sits on the eggs. All the eggs don't hatch at the same time. Not one of these prophetic promises will lack it's mate in fulfillment. Vernon Baxter said, "**The Holy Spirit is the executive agent of the Trinity.**" When God wants something done, He speaks it and the Holy Spirit says, "I got this." When He says, "Let there be light," that's His assignment. When God says, "Let the dry land appear," the Holy Spirit says, "**I will take care of it.**" He is the active agent. Who took care of what God commanded? That's the role of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus says, "Be healed," the Holy Spirit says, "**I have that.**"

The challenge that we have is we think we have to put some energy into it. Greek - *energeo* is the working of his mighty strength. It's not how loud you are. **You cannot intercede apart form the Holy Spirit.** We don't know how to pray as we ought...

Romans 8:26

*In the same way, **the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.***

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There are some things that when I'm involved in intercession I move from my clear language that I understand -English - to speaking in tongues, talking to God in tongues. Someone says, *"I don't understand you. Well, I'm not talking to you. I'm sharing with God."* There comes a moment when I run out of words. **In serious moments I find myself in groaning.**

His Spirit has gathered. The Hebrew says it this way, *"His spirit has assembled."* You ever make the mistake of getting a toy for one of your kids and waiting til Christmas Eve to put it together? Then you look at the box and it says 'some assembly required.' **I think that there are some things we are believing God for, that require some assembly.** The problem is YOU can't assemble it. that's the Holy Spirit's job. It's more than just one thing. HE is assembling various things. Some parts aren't all that ready to give up. It's like sitting on eggs. You say, I'm ready to come out, I've got prophetic promises about money. A prophetic promise about money has to do with somebody giving up something. Where is it? God says, *"I'm sitting on him and I'm creating some heat until he says yes, and lets it go.* Until he says yes, you've gotta wait until the Holy Spirit does his job.

What do I do while I'm waiting for the promise? I worship and I tell God how Good he is and I sing in the spirit and I thank Him. I say ugh....with groanings that cannot be uttered.

I'm always amazed by people who've never had an experience with the Holy Spirit commenting on the Bible to people who have. They've never spoken in tongues, but they will tell you when it's proper and not proper. CS Lewis said, *"It's hard to see things if you don't know what they look like."* I was in St. Louis with Rodney Howard Brown. They said to him give your testimony about what took place in your church in Jacksonville. The guy was sober when he got up there, and then he started to sway like a drunk man. (demonstration) There's something about drunk people they have a universal language. You don't need a translator. Drunk people in Japan sound the same as in America.

On the Day of Pentecost - Peter didn't say they weren't drunk, he said these aren't drunk like you suppose. People had an encounter with the Living God. Some leaders don't want to disturb or embarrass people. We don't want to offend sinners who came to the meeting. They were at a rock party, doing all they could do, they're not gonna be embarrassed! He's assembling putting things together through the Holy Spirit.

In Mark 11:22 curses the fig tree. What does he say? He didn't say you so and so fig tree. He said, *"No one eat fruit form you again ever."* His disciples heard it. Jesus is not even paying attention. They said, "The fig tree you cursed is withered from the roots." There was some delay before the manifestation.

Have faith in God. Youngs literal says, *"Have the faith of God."* A T Robertson said, **"Have the God kind of faith."** Jesus is saying you're missing the point the tree is dead because I exercised faith. When I say something the Holy Spirit will see it out. The Holy Spirit is the One when you lay your hands on them he is saying *"I've got this."* **Can you trust Me with it, or do we have to discuss it further.**

A lady praying for someone who is demonized in another country. She said in English, *"Drive it out Holy Spirit, just drive it out."* and touched her three times with her finger. She's from

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Canada she's a white lady. You think yo've got to get ugly. Demons have to know you're serious. I was thinking we're gonna be there all day. In 3 minutes the woman leaked out a sigh and I thought, "That was easy." Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt 11:30) That is easy. Yes. I asked God, "What have we been doing?" He said, "**Pretending that you were doing it when I was.**"

You know how we do it. In Luke 8, when Jesus commands someone who is demonized enough to send 2000 pigs to a baptismal service. They said our name is Legion because we are many. When Jesus says come to speak the word - the Holy Spirit is going say I've got this. He goes in the psyche of the man and the demon is driven out into the the pigs who go into the water and the man is clear. When you cast out a demon the Holy Spirit is casting out the demon. **You are participating in an transaction. The Holy Spirit and you are becoming one.**

2 Cor 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

The bosom of light is darkness. What is it that I'm believing God for that requires a whole lot of stuff? He says, "I've got this." We don't know how to pray for us as we ought. The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered. We put on the armor God, but we we never include praying in the Spirit. That's part of your weaponry. In the New English Bible it says **pray the words that come to you from God by the Spirit.** You have no idea how to pray about it. That woman didn't know English, but the demon did. **We have no idea what God gave us in terms of ability.** There is a panoply of abilities in the storehouses in Heaven. In the storehouse - I need an eye, a heart, a liver. God has it.

I'm trying to find my way into something that God has for me. I got this prophetic word when we built our church in 1997. It was a nice church. God said, "*You built too small, this is a youth building.*" I said, Are you kidding me? This is youth building, We'll build another building when God gives us the money. 1.5 years go by and I'm struggling and we're struggling financially. He said, "Son you're standing in the river of your own prosperity." He gave me a word:

2 Chronicles 20:20b

Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

Believe and he will establish you believe the prophets anode will prosper. God said, "*I could have given you the money for both.*" He gave me this little picture. Water going around on both sides. Water is backed off, and I'm the dam. My thinking is if God gives you a Word you have to do it. I say I'm sorry. I take out the plans. He said, "If you wait another year it will be too late." We laid out the plans. I laid hose plans out just like that. **Within months the money we were paying for our mortgage decreased.** When you start thinking that what is now required is requiring your energy than you are forfeiting it. Would you go through what you've gone

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through if you knew what was going to happen? Why was I struggling with the unfinished building. Zech 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.

The problem that happens to us is we become like the the Galatians in 3:3:

Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

He sustains it in His word by his Spirit. God says, I've got this. And you say, "*But who's got You?*" What about this Word? What about all these things that are going on? Erick Butler gave me a Word, - Bishop, "*Someone is going to give you a million dollars,*" and I just looked ahead with a blank stare. He says to my granddaughter, "*You're amazing girl. God's gonna give you a full ride scholarship. She started jumping around praising God like she already had it.*" He said, "*You think money's a problem to God don't you? God's going to give you 40k*" She called me later and said, "*Pop pop guess what? Brown University offered me a full ride*" I celebrated with her. Then she called and said, "*Ron brown established a scholarship for AA students each students \$40k*" I was a little upset. How can she leap frog over me and get both of her prophecies in less than three months? **The difference, was she wasn't trying to be cool or dignified. She got so excited as if she already had it.**

We don't know how to rejoice. God's got this when it looks like you're going under. When you are sinking. What do you think you have to wage war or fight somebody for it. God's got this. How are you gonna pay for it? God's got this. Did you know there are 20k people sitting in a field and they're hungry. What do you have? 5 loaves and 2 fish. That's enough. Give it to Me/.Jesus takes it and He holds it before the Father. Jesus didn't multiply the bread the Holy Spirit. He multiplied the bread. **Jesus prayed the right prayer, which was "Father, I thank you."**

God's got this. God you made me a promise. He knows what you have need of before you ask. **He's always previous.** I remember once we had no groceries and no money. I heard myself say to my wife, make up a grocery list. She looked at me, and the look said, "*Negro. I know you heard me say, we don't have any money.*" She got a piece of paper and started writing down. I started praying in tongues and I'm acting like I have it. Ok I'm done, now what? I said a.. and the doorbell rang and I said let me go and see who's at the door. Within 4-5 min two women appeared at the door. I asked, "Why are you here?" **"God told us to bring you groceries."** We're not done. they opened the doors of the car and grocery bags were in the floor, trunk. I was too dumb to even help them. I said, "Bless God, amen." I heard my wife say these words. **"Everything on my list is in these bags."**

Sometimes you think you are struggling. even when you can't see the outcome you've gotta say to someone. God's got this. Make this valley full of ditches. You won't see wind rain. or evidence at all that water is coming. There's gonna be a battle that you won't be able to fight. I know what you have need of before you ask.

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Knowing what I know today, I could have said, "God's got this."

1 John 5:14-15

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that **if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.***

She said, **"We've got more stuff than I ever had on my list."** Because God knew we were gonna have company and we were gonna need the extra stuff. The were going after this long before we were conscious of the need. **God's got it.** So how do you live your life? I just walked in that Word you gave us today about believing in God for certain things.

You have not because you ask not, but when you do ask you ask amiss.

James 4:2-3

*2You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. **You do not have because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?***

You're consuming it upon yourself. What are you up to God? God says, what are YOU up to? What are you doing? God replies, what are YOU doing? What do YOU want to see healed? One time I heard myself say, "Is there anyone here with scoliosis?" I had no idea what it was. A lady put her hand up. I asked her to come up, turn and tell the congregation what scoliosis is so all of us can find out at the same time. Curvature of the spine. I asked Barbara to go with me and pray. If you're gonna go down go down in a company. I didn't know the Holy Spirit like I know Him today. **The theme of the conference was passionate awareness of the presence of God to give Him a lot more time to do what He wants to do.** She was healed. The floodgates were opened and the bishop got out the road. He's up to something good. Your'e gonna take something home that you didn't have when you arrived. **Could you believe that at the end of this conference the desires of your heart could be totally satisfied** and that the resource for that **is not outside of you but inside of you.** He has made you to sit with Him in heavenly places. Thats not mental assent. We have a reality that's birthed in the Holy Ghost. You're amphibious. You have the capability of moving in two dimensions. You can stand here in this building and address a situation in Vietnam and know it's taken care of. How? in the Spirit.

SONG: In the Spirit He is real, In the Spirit I can feel. In the Spirit I am healed by the power of His love. In the Spirit I'm alive in the Spirit I can fly. In the Spirit of the Living God.

Every new season begins with a new song. When my wife was battling cancer the song they began to sing in the service, Whose Report Will You Believe? They sang it for 20 minutes. The doctor said we have cancer cells around our thyroid. The first song that came to her was

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whose report. **God's already given you a song. You need to find it and grab ahold.** Mine is not by might, nor by power. That is the song God gave me.

I'm trying to tell you it ain't on you. The Holy Spirit says, I've got this. God's got it. In the middle of your battle. It may look I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You. He will surround you with songs of deliverance that will set you free. This is how I fight my battles.