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"Unsticking Relational Wheels"

From the Series,
"Building Momentum"

Zechariah 4:1-10

Preached Sunday 11/30/14

Meadow Baptist Church

1. The Grace of God in His Pursuit (1-5)

"And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. 2 And he said to me, What do you see? I said, I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. 3 And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left. 4 And I said to the angel who talked with me, What are these, my lord?" 5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, Do you not know what these are? I said, No, my lord."

- a. Zechariah was awakened (1) - "And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep."
- b. Zechariah was questioned (2a) - "And he said to me, "What do you see?"
- c. Zechariah was aware (2b-4) - ""I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"
- d. Zechariah was confused (5) - "Do you not know what these are? I said, No my lord."

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2. The Grace of God in His Purpose (6-7)

"Then 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 of hosts. 7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

- a. An essential truth to be shared (6) - "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, says the Lord of hosts."
 - i. It is not the strength of numbers that prevail - "Not by might..." Refers to military might
 - ii. It is not the strength of any individual that prevails - "...nor by power..."
 - iii. It is trusting in God that prevails - "...but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."
- b. An undeniable triumph to be shared (7a) - "Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain."

Zerubbabel's present mountain included:

 - i. Rubble from Israel's past failures as a nation
 - ii. Fear of the surrounding enemy
 - iii. The financial needs and provisions to rebuild the temple
 - iv. Discouraged, critical workers (Ezra 3:13, Haggai 2:3)
 - v. Interference from the powerful opposition (Ezra 4)
 - vi. Loss of momentum and vision by the people (Haggai 1:2)
- c. A spiritual treasure to be shared (7b) - Zerubbabel "...shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of Grace, grace to it!"
 - i. The vision would come to pass.
 - ii. The project would be completed.
 - iii. The Lord would receive the glory.

3. The Grace of God in His Promises (8-10)

"Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. 10 For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth."

- a. There was a personal promise (8-9) - "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you."
- b. There was a prevailing promise (10) - 1. Victory over doubters - "For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice..." 2. Victory over difficulties - "...and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel..."
- c. There was a protecting promise - "These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth."