



## **Finding Hope in the God Who Moves Mountains**

### **Zechariah 4:1-14**

**Like** me, you have probably paid at least some attention to the floods surrounding Kerrville, TX, that took place in the early morning hours of July 4.

**Yet** even in the devastation, hope was still visible.

**Scripture** also speaks of hope in devastating circumstances. In the mystery of natural

disasters and personal distress that require us to walk by faith, there is hope! Where do you need hope: healing, salvation, employment, in a relationship or unmet desire? Where do you need to hear the words we'll see in Zechariah 4:

**“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord!”**

**This** is what they discovered—and what we see in **Zechariah 4**. We've seen how the people of God had returned from a self-inflicted exile, and their world was a wreck. Hope had taken a hit. What they needed to inflate their hope was the power of God at work within them and among them. It's also what we need.

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To understand the hope in this chapter, let's look closely at what the LORD showed him:

- Verses 1-5 give us Zechariah's fifth vision. It's hard to picture but imagine two olive trees providing oil to a bowl that feeds seven lamps.
- We are told in verses 10-14 that this vision is a picture of God's Presence and Spirit empowering two leaders, Zerubbabel and Joshua the high priest [chapter 3], to finish physically building the temple and spiritually building God's people.
- The vision and its meaning are interrupted by two words from the LORD as to *how* this will take place. The first tells of the spiritual component to finish the work, the second the human component.
- So, the vision and the words from the LORD fit together to show God's part and the human part of completing the temple project.
- What this means for us as we hope in the hard places of life is:

**Trust in the power of God to move mountains and not your ability to figure it out or make life happen [Verses 6-7].**

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts."

Verse 6:

- Trusting in our own strength leads to mountains of frustration!
- Trusting in our own strength keeps us away from the supply of His strength!
- Trusting in His strength makes space for God to remove mountains!
- Trusting in His strength leads to rejoicing!

**Follow where and how God leads to get God-results [Verses 8-10].**

- Verse 9: Even though their hope would be fulfilled by the power of God, His power would work through them.
- Their responsibility was to “trust and obey.”
- Notice in verse 10 that God moves in “small things.”
- God moves as we obey Him one small thing at a time!

**“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord!”**

*Where do you need hope? Where do you need  
to trust God in full surrender and obedience?  
Will you seek Him this morning for the next  
“small thing” to move in the direction of trust  
and obedience?*

*One “small thing” for me is:*

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