WHEN FACING LIFE’S MOUNTAINS
ZECHARIAH 4:6-7 / 1-27-19 / PM

I. FIRST, WE NEED **DIVINE** POWER TO MOVE MOUNTAINS.

   A. This is what Zechariah told Zerubbabel—4:6.

      1. This principle of divine power is stated **negatively** twice.

         a. **Not by might**—The Hebrew word means “**strength**”. The image is of a military army.

         b. **Nor by power**—The Hebrew word refers to **human** strength or energy. The image is of a group of laborers.

         c. Taken together the terms “might” and “power” remind us of the human, but futile effort expended on the **Tower of Babel** (Gen. 11).

      2. This principle is also stated **positively**.

         a. **But by my Spirit** introduces the idea of what man cannot do, **God** can.

         b. Zerubbabel forgot this and we do too.

   B. **Who** is the source of this divine power to move mountains?

      1. Zechariah says it’s **the Lord Almighty**.

      2. This is a **military** term.

      3. **Almighty” means without **limitations** or boundaries.

      4. The Spirit of God is powerfully seen throughout the O.T.

         a. In **Creation**—Gen. 1:2.

         b. In restoring life to **dry** bones—Ez. 37:1.

   C. Whatever obstacles or mountains you face, God’s divine power can move them—Jer. 32:27.
II. SECOND, MOUNTAINS AND OBSTACLES COME IN ALL SIZES AND SHAPES.

A. What was Zerubbabel’s mountain?—4:7a.
   1. Literally it refers to clearing the rubble left from the destruction of the first Temple.
   2. Metaphorically it refers to anything that kept Zerubbabel from rebuilding the Temple...
      a. The people’s preoccupation with building their own homes.
      b. The lack of man power.
      c. The lack of funds.

B. God’s promise to Zerubbabel was that God, not Zerubbabel would move that mountain—4:7b.

C. What is your obstacle or mountain? — Isa. 40:4.