

## **“NOT BY MIGHT AND NOT BY POWER”**

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Not long ago I read about a tanker stuck in the mud off of Galveston’s East Beach. A strong north wind forced the tug boat into shallow water first, causing the barge it was pulling to become stuck as well. Other tug boats were sent out to attempt to float the first tug boat but were unsuccessful. Before they could get the tanker unstuck, they had to wait on the weather and tidal cycle to change.

Which leads me to my title. “Not by might and not by power.” It doesn’t matter how much might and power, how strong the engine that is in the tug boat might be, without the help of the wind and of the water, it is stuck!

I’ve met a lot of people who are “stuck” in life. People who are “stranded”. People “high and dry.” People trying their best to get themselves out of the muck and mire of sin. Out of certain habits and addictions, to no avail.

Zech 4:6 Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

If you find yourself stuck, you need the help of the Spirit!

I’ve known many people down through the years who have given up because they become exhausted and burnt out, trying to make it on their own.

We don’t have to make it on our own. In fact, we are foolish to even try.

God has made His Spirit available to each of us, to give us the power that we need to make it through whatever life brings us or whatever situation we might find ourselves in.

The life that we live in Christ is a supernatural life. Did you get that? A supernatural life. Not a natural life. Not a life depending upon your own strength and power. A life lived by the power of the Spirit. Living the supernatural life requires supernatural power. Power that does not come from you. Power that comes from God!

Let me ask you this question. What power source are you depending on? Are you depending upon your own power and strength or are you depending upon the power and strength that God provides?

If you find yourself weak. If you find yourself being overcome with temptation. If you can’t seem to walk and live in victory, then that is a good indication that you are walking in the flesh and not in the Spirit. You are depending upon yourself and not upon the power that God makes available to you.

Remember the words of the prophet. “It’s not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”