"Not By Might Nor By Power" Zanga Schutte - April 23, 2023

Zachariah 4:6b NIV "... 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty."

<u>Hosea 1:7 NIV</u> "Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them---not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them."

Notes: God said he would personally rescue the people of Judah from their enemies with no help from foreign armies or weapons. Although God asks us to do our part in all endeavors, we should remember that he is not limited to human effort. His work transcends our greatest abilities. But God often chooses to do his work through people, because it is good for us and reminds us to rely on him for our purpose and for help. We are very important to God, but on our own we have neither the ability to fulfill nor the power to disrupt God's plans. We were created to do the work God has for us in order to accomplish his great purpose.

<u>Philippians 2:13 NIV</u> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Notes: Doing God's will begins with our desires. Are we willing to place his desires before ours, to be open to his opportunities, and to move at his direction? Ask God to give us the desire to change in order to follow him more closely.

<u>John 3:34 NIV</u> For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

Notes: God gives the Spirit without measure or limit. Jesus was always filled, empowered, and totally connected to the heart and mind of God.

-We have to Abide in the Vine! -We need to stay connected! -And we do this Through, Prayer & His Word!

In Closing:

<u>Jeremiah 29:11 NIV</u> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

<u>Notes:</u> Everyone is encouraged by leaders who stir us to move ahead, who believe we can do the tasks they have given us, and who will be with us all the way.

"God is that kind of leader" "He is da best Alaka'i we have!"

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, 'says the LORD Almighty."

Amen & Amen