

Christ Centered Leadership

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- _____ for Service
- _____ to Share the Hope found in Christ

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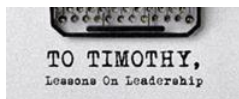
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Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

“BY MY SPIRIT...”

Father, we see the insurmountable mountains of need—addictions, strongholds, crumbling families, disregard for life, and churches that have no kingdom impact on the lives around them. Thank You for giving us Zechariah 4 to help us know how You work and know better how to pray.

- The Lord says, **“Not by might nor by power, but BY MY SPIRIT. Who are you, O great mountains? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain.”** LORD, we rely on Your spirit to accomplish what only You can do. We want to impact families, communities, and our world for You. We ask for MORE Spirit abiding in us, working through us to accomplish Your will and purpose—that the seemingly unsurmountable “mountains” will be made smooth by Your mighty power. Use us as You used Zerubbabel to make the mountains a plain.
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