

Not by might nor by power, BUT by My Spirit By Juni Sinaga, Indonesia, VP of NCFI "So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6, ESV)

Zechariah saw a vision but did not comprehend its meaning. What he saw was uncomplicated but peculiar: a lampstand with lamps supplied with oil directly from two olive trees via pipes. Therefore, the angel emphasized to Zechariah that he must comprehend the significance of this vision. I learned that Zerubbabel was the leader of Jerusalem and was responsible for completing the reconstruction of the temple. The work of God requires resources, but not those of human strength or power. The Holy Spirit is the necessary resource for God's work. God promises Zerubbabel a plentiful supply of the Holy Spirit to complete His work. (https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/zechariah-4/)

How does this connect to us as Christian nurses, in NCFI (or in our local fellowship)? God has given us a clear vision for NCFI, and it's vital that we all share in it so that we can effectively carry out our ministry. NCFI is aware of its mission to unite Christian nurses from all over the world and give them the tools they need to put their faith into practice in the workplace. NCFI also seeks to encourage Christian nurses to incorporate biblical principles and Christ-centered values into their daily work.

So, how do we plan on completing this task? God has given us a huge task, despite the fact that we are a small group. I have faith that, just as God promised the Holy Spirit to Zerubbabel forever, He will do the same for us. This is His work, and as such, He will empower us with the means to continue His mission and complete His works.

We don't experience the full supply of the Spirit when we rely solely on our own abilities. When something is accomplished using human strength or power, we can claim credit for it; however, when something is accomplished using the Spirit's constant supply, it is entirely by grace and is done to God's glory.

So, let us be strong and courageous!