



SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 2024

Sermon Title: God Uses the Weak and Ordinary

Bible Reading: Zechariah 4: 1-1-8

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Outline:

- **God seeks us out to serve Him (v1-2a)**
- **We are often found to be out of our depth (v5)**
- **But God will remove the obstacles (v7)**
- **For His spirit will enable the weak (v4)**
- **And God will achieve His purposes (v8)**

Small Group Questions/Discussions

We often feel committed to serving God purposes, but it's easy for us to be overwhelmed by the task ahead. The bar seems to be set too high. Have you ever had this experience and how did you respond? What personal challenges sometimes hold you back? God's angel nudged Zerubbabel to wake him up with a message. Is God nudging you at the moment – what is He asking you to do?

Zerubbabel sees the vision okay, but twice when asked what it means, he replies, I have no idea. Do you sometimes feel like you have no idea what to do – what path to take? What is your response? What benefits come from such weaknesses? Zerubbabel showed humility and obedience. Why are these two things vital in serving God?

We read that the mountains will be made flat. There were many who were against rebuilding the temple. Zerubbabel faced much opposition. What do you think gets in the way for you when it comes to living out God's calling on your life?

v4 is well known - What does it say to you? What characteristics do we need to show to allow God's spirit to do His work? Why do we sometimes try to do it in our own strength? What sort of outcomes do we achieve when we do this? The golden oil flows abundantly – but there is no human intervention – what can we learn from this?

What encouragement do you take from v8? Read thru verses 1-8. Identify 3 key truths that are found in this passage. What is the significance of the plumb line early in the build – why will there be rejoicing? We read in the passage that God will complete the task through Zerubbabel. What do you need to trust God for in the future?