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Zechariah 4:6

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.

Recently, my daughter brought me a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle to work. It was a collage of different Marvel comic book covers. I love to work jigsaw puzzles but I can only work for a little while before my back and neck start to ache. So, when I undertook this project, I knew it would not be done overnight. It seemed impossible. Of course, you start with the border pieces but even that was challenging and I was over half done before I discovered I had made a mistake in putting the border together. There were times when I was absolutely sure that Captain America had to go near the top, only to discover that the puzzle had at least three Captain America covers. There were pieces that I was absolutely sure had to be missing, but later turned up. There were pieces that I was sure fit in a particular place, but I just couldn't force them to fit.

I wonder if this could be a metaphor for the way we put our lives together. We have to get the border right before the pieces will go together right. The border is those essentials that are critical to making everything else fall into place. We need to begin with our relationship with God and then add the love of family and friends. Health, home, worship and security are all very important to making the picture come together. Then we can fill in the rest of the puzzle with work, fun, and all those other things that make up life. Sometimes we try to put pieces where they don't belong and no matter how hard we try, life just doesn't work that way. Sometimes we leave out one or more of the critical pieces and the rest just doesn't work.



In our scripture lesson for this week, God tells Zerubbabel that he can't build the new temple by his own might, his own strength, but only by God's spirit.

I wonder if some of the difficulties we experience in life are because we are trying to do everything by our own might and strength. We have failed to put in the most important border piece....our relationship with

God. Once we have that critical piece in place we can build a life that works.

This week is a "First Sunday", so please remember to assemble your communion elements prior, so that you may participate with us.

See you Sunday online!
Rev. Sharon

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