

What Is In Your Hand?

TEXT: Exodus 4:1-5

INTRODUCTION:

- A. GOD CALLED MOSES TO USE A SHEPHERD'S STAFF TO DO GREAT THINGS.
 - 1. Convince Pharaoh to let the Israelites go
(Ex. 7:8-12, 19-20; 8:5, 16-17; 9:23; 10:13).
 - 2. To cross the Red Sea (Ex. 14:16).
 - 3. To get water in the wilderness (Ex. 17:5).
 - 4. To secure victory in battle (Ex. 17:9).
- B. MANY EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO DID GREAT THINGS WITH LITTLE
(Judges 3:31; 15:15; 1 Sam. 17:43, 49).
- C. WHAT CAN WE DO WITH THE LITTLE WE HAVE?

I. THREE LESSONS TO START WITH.

- A. MANY OF GOD'S GREATEST SERVANTS FELT INADEQUATE – Moses, Gideon, Jeremiah, Paul.
- B. WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO WORK WITH – SOME TALENT OR GIFT.
(Phil. 2:12-13).
- C. IT IS GOD WHO FINISHES THE JOB (1 Cor. 3:5-7).

II. "DON'T FORGET YOUR STAFF!"

- A. A STAFF – A STICK. WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THAT? (Ex. 4:17).
- B. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US (Matt. 25:14-30).
- C. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WE DON'T HAVE (2 Cor. 8:12).
- D. MOSES USED WHAT GOD GAVE HIM, AND HE AMOUNTED TO SOMETHING.
 - 1. 1 Cor. 12:22; 1 Tim. 4:14.
 - 2. God views us differently (1 Sam. 16:7).
 - 3. God rewards as he takes note of our deeds (Rev. 14:12-13).

III. DON'T WORRY ABOUT OTHERS, THINK OF THE LORD.

- A. AS A PART OF THE BODY, WE MUST DO OUR PART (Rom. 12:3-8).
- B. DO WHAT YOU CAN (Eph. 5:15-16; Ecc. 9:10)
 - 1. Use the gift and strength God gives you (Eph. 6:10, 13).
 - 2. Doing so, we can accomplish all God asks (Phil. 2:12-13; 4:13).
- C. IT IS NOT OUR CONCERN HOW GOD USES OTHERS (John 21:20-23).

CONCLUSION:

- A. WHAT CAN WE DO FOR THE LORD?
- B. WE WILL ANSWER HOW WE USE OUR TALENTS (2 Cor. 8:12).
- C. WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?