

What is That in your hand?

~~Start~~ I want to begin by reading Exodus 4:2-5¹⁻⁵

Moses was standing before the burning bush, being commissioned by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses felt inadequate and questioned his ability to fulfill the task. At this time in his life Moses was a failure. He had killed an Egyptian and he then fled to the land of Median.

God's question, "What is that in your hand," referred to Moses' staff, a simple shepherd's rod - God then instructed Moses to throw the staff on the ground, and it miraculously transformed into a snake. This demonstration of God's power encouraged Moses to trust in Him - The staff became a symbol of God's authority and Power, used by Moses to perform miracles and wonders throughout his journey.

This passage teaches us:

- ① God uses ordinary things for extraordinary purposes
- ② Our limitations are opportunity for God's power to shine
- ③ Faith and obedience are essential for accomplishing great tasks

God's question "What is that in your hand?" Reminds us to:

- ① Recognize our own limitations
- ② Surrender our resources to God
- ③ Trust in His power and guidance

What is in your hand today?

- Skills, Talents, resources? Offer them to God and watch Him work miracles through you.

^{2 THE DESIRE TO GIVE}
You may say that you have little to offer. Think about the Widow we read about in 1 Kings 17

During a severe drought, Elijah the Prophet was drinking from a brook that dried up. God sent him to a widow woman whom God commanded to sustain him.

This widow was struggling to survive. She was gathering sticks to prepare a final meal for herself and her son, expecting to die afterward due to lack of food.

Elijah asked her for a cup of water and a piece of bread. Despite her poverty, she shared what little she had.

Elijah then asked her to take her empty jar and fill it with oil from her jug which miraculously multiplied, providing enough oil for her and her son to survive the drought and later Elijah brought her son back to life.

The lesson we learn is:

- ① Trust God with your scarcity
- ② Share what you have - No matter how little
- ③ God's provision often comes through unexpected means

★ Another example of someone that used what was in his hands to serve His Lord, is David

David had 5 stones and a slingshot in his hands - He was able, with God's help, to slay Goliath and save a Nation

★ Read 1 Samuel 17: 45-47

★ We have several examples in the New Testament
We read in Luke 21: 1-4 about a certain poor widow who cast her gift of two mites into the treasury which was all the money that she had.

Jesus told the rich men that the widow gave more than they gave from their abundance.

★ One example is about a boy who shared his lunch

This miracle of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes is recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

I will be reading from Matthew 14: 14-21

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A boy shared his lunch and Jesus used it to feed over 5 thousand

It's not about what you don't have - It's about what you do have.

People will often tell you what you can't do - But God wants to tell you what you can do.

What is in your hand is what God has given you. What He has put in your hand and in your heart

So what is in your hand today?

We often look at what is in other people's hand - their talent, their success and ignore what is in ours

Do you have praying Hands?

Do you have a Bible in your hands?

Read and Study- Be prepared
to share the Gospel

Do you have a home? Be hospitable

Do you have a phone? Call and encourage
a Brother or Sister

Do you have Financial Resources?
Be a generous giver

If all you have to give is a cup of cold water
- Mark 9:41

For whosoever shall give you a cup of water
to drink in my name, because you belong to
Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not
lose his reward.

We read in Ecclesiastes 9:10

Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do it
with all thy might, for there is no work, nor
device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the
grave

And in Colossians 3:23-24

And whatsoever you do, do it heartily,
as to the Lord, and not unto men

Knowing that of the Lord you shall
receive the reward of the inheritance
for you serve the Lord Christ

And finally, Remember what our Lord Jesus Christ held in His hands.

He carried the old Rugged cross uphill to Mount Calvary.

And His hands held the Nails that were driven there

And He suffered and Bled and died for our sins -

What have we done for Him?

Use what God has placed in your hands - ~~FOR~~ His Kingdom & MAN kind. SO, WHATEVER GIFT WE HAVE OPEN YOUR HAND & GIVE IT FOR GOD,