

In Exodus chapter 3 God gives Moses instruction to go back to Egypt to free the children of Israel. As we read in Exodus 4 Moses is reluctant and begins to give God excuse after excuse as to why he cannot do what God has ask him to do. He said, "Suppose they will not believe me." The Lord then ask him what was in his hand. Moses then replied, "A staff."

God then asked him In Exodus 4:2, "What is that in your hand?" It was not much, just a shepherd's staff; nevertheless, this became the instrument God used to deliver the children of Israel out of slavery. Moses desperately needed to learn that and so do we. No matter how inadequate we may feel, God can use whatever we have to accomplish the task He wants us to do.

We need to learn that everyone has something in their hand. We all have some talent or gift we've been blessed with that can be used to glorify God. We should know that whatever we have in our hands, God intends us to use it in His service. The talents we have should be used to build up, to edify, and to encourage the body of Christ. If God used a shepherd's staff to deliver an entire nation; He can and will use our abilities, our education, our occupations, our possessions, and our relationships to accomplish His purposes.

Are you of a mind to say as Moses said, "I'm unable to be used."? Do you say, "I'm unable."? Think about this: If God could use a donkey to speak to Balaam, He can use you in meaningful way. Let me ask you a question reader: How is your service to God? Have you been serving Him to best of your ability and using the talents and gifts He has blessed you with? God wants us to glorify Him in all we (I Corinthians 10:31).

So I ask; what is that in your hand? Whatever it may be, I urge you to give it to God for the glory of His kingdom. Give yourself to God completely and hold nothing back.

In Christ,

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