

What Is That in Your Hand?

Exodus 4:1-5

What?

Everyday places are holy ground; in common objects and weak people God's strength can be found

Holy ground—

After murdering an Egyptian task master, Moses fled to the land of Midian where he married, had a family and hid out for 40 years

The Lord was putting it in his heart to help his people, but he tried to do it his own way

So when God appeared to him in the Midian desert in a burning bush, he was 80 years old and tending sheep

God impressed on Moses His greatness and holiness

Then He commissioned Moses to deliver His people

Five times Moses objected, focusing on himself, while God at the same time was focusing Moses' attention on Him

Moses saw himself as central to the deliverance of Israel and did not understand it would be God working through him

The final thing God said was, "Don't forget your staff"

Moses didn't realize that the more excuses he gave, the more he was giving God reason to send him

When God uses people whom the world considers to be losers, God's power is made all the more glorious

God's greatest passion is the fame of His great name

The Jesus Connection

Jesus assembled the most unlikely guys as disciples

Acts 4:33, ESV—And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all

Peter became foremost in leading the early church

The Big Question—What is that in your hand?

It was just an ordinary object, but God used Moses and his staff to perform miracles

Moses was shepherding sheep when the Lord appeared to him, so it was a shepherd's staff that God wanted Moses to use to shepherd His people, Israel

Also, Moses was in God's place "for such a time as this"

Esther 4:14, ESV—Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

So What?

What is your life about, really? It won't make sense until you turn it over to the Lord

If you are already a follower of Jesus, you might be focused on your own inability to serve the Lord

God places us where He wants us, "for such a time as this"

Second, what is in your hand that the Lord wants to use?

We must focus on God's will and power, and realize that the great "I am" is with us

The final say—Paul

I Corinthians 1:27, ESV—But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong

Now What?

Ask yourself, "What do I have in my hand that God wants to use?"

Ask yourself, "In what way am I in God's place 'for such a time as this?'"