

“What’s That in Your Hand?”

Exodus 4:1-17; 14:10-31

I. God delights in partnering with us to accomplish His purposes. Jesus multiplied bread and fish in the hands of the disciples twice (Mark 8:14-21).

- A. We are God’s handiwork. First, God reconciles us to Himself; then we do the good works we were created to do (Ephesians 2:8-10).
- B. God loves to use everything about us, including our desires, talents, relationships, wealth, life experiences, and trials to work together for our good and His purpose (Romans 8:28).
- C. Because of Jesus, all the provision we need is within reach (Philippians 4:19).

II. God especially uses our testimonies of victory in the midst of our trials.

- A. Moses was, at first, rejected by both Israel and Pharaoh (Acts 7:23-29; Exodus 2:15).
- B. The new testimony—a powerful staff in Moses’ hand (Exodus 3:1-10; 4:1-5)
 - 1. Great spiritual authority comes from our testimonies (Revelation 12:10-11).
 - 2. What testimonies are in your hand? What new testimonies does God want to add to you as you step out in faith and do the works Jesus told you to do (Matthew 10:7-8; John 5:19-20; Revelation 12:10-11)?

III. Desires, visions, and dreams are all part of the staff of God. Let them take you on a journey with Him.

- A. Don’t underestimate a desire from God that touches your heart, even if people may not understand it at first (e.g., Moses).
- B. When we accept Jesus, He makes us His friends (John 15:15-16) “God actually makes Himself vulnerable to the desires of His people” (Bill Johnson) (John 15:7-8; Psalm 37:4).
- C. God may be more passionate about your dreams than you are, especially if it involves risk and cost. Beware of burning bushes—not that you might make a mistake, but that you might miss a great chance to advance God’s cause in the earth (Ex. 4:10-17; Joshua 17:14-18).
- D. Without a revelation of the beauty and love of Jesus, we release only a little power (Luke 7:11-15). But with this revelation, we move God’s heart to respond (Luke 11:5-13).

IV. What else is in your hand?

- A. The clear mandate of heaven to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 24:14) using the supernatural power given by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 10:5-8; Acts 3:6-10).
- B. Your possessions—God loves to multiply your gifts (II Cor. 9:6-11; Mark 6:37-44; Luke 6:38).
- C. The creative wisdom of God
 - 1. “It is divine wisdom displayed in creativity that brings individuals to the forefront in his or her field of influence” (Bill Johnson).
 - 2. Problem-solving in a broken world (e.g., Joseph and Daniel)
- D. Rediscovering the power of unity in the Body of Christ (Psalm 133)

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