

What Is In Your Hand?

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Exodus 4:1-5

- One of the messages seen in Scripture is that God can use ordinary people to accomplish extra-ordinary results.
- The challenge we face is to value our “ordinary talents” and our “ordinary lives” and see beyond the ordinary and see the “extra-ordinary” ways in which God can use us to accomplish his purposes.

Biblical Examples Of Using The Ordinary

- Exo. 4:2 – Moses was great in Egypt, but he had to learn to be a shepherd before God could use him; God used a simple shepherds rod to do so many great things.
 - Turned into a serpent (Exo. 4:3).
 - Turned the Nile to blood & several other plagues (Exo. 7:20-ch. 10.).
 - Parted the Red Sea (Exo. 14:16) “But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.”
 - Bring water to drink (Exo. 17:5-6)
 - Won a battle for Israel (Exo. 17:9-14) v. 9.
- Jdg. 15:15-17 – Samson and a jawbone of a donkey; killed 1000 Philistines.
- 1 Sam. 17:40 – David, a sling, 5 smooth stones. v. 40, killed Goliath, won a great victory for Israel, and renown for himself.
- Jn. 2:6 – Six water pots.
- Jn. 6:9-14 – Boy with 5 loaves and 2 fish, five thousand were fed.

What Do We Have In Our Hands?

- Ecc. 9:10 “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.”
- Mat. 25:14-30 – Five, two, or one talent?
- Col. 3:23-25 “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is

no partiality.”

- 1 Cor. 10:31 “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
- 1 Cor. 1:26-30 – Why were we called?

Some Avenues for Service

- Romans 12 – Not all can do everything, but everyone can do something.
- 1 Cor. 12 – There were nine gifts endowed by the Holy Spirit, some were more attractive to the Corinthians than others & led to competition and contention, but all were necessary to serving Christ.
- Eph. 4:11-16 – Everyone can contribute to the edifying of the body in love.

Decision:

- I believe the key to a useful life in service to God is not in waiting for the right moment, but in using what you have in every moment.
- What has God placed in your hands?
- Whatever it is, use it to His glory.