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Worship Service
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Questions God Asks: How Will You Respond?

Lesson Seven • Exodus 3:16 – 4:5

What Is That in Your Hand?

God's Question: "What is that in your hand?"

God calls us to TRUST and OBEY Him with the ordinary for His glory.

The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff." Exodus 4:2

Moses' Objection: "They won't believe me or listen to my voice."

Moses counters God's call with the excuse of his INADEQUACY rather than trusting in God's sufficiency.

Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'" Exodus 4:1

What Is That in Your Hand?

Step 1: HOLD IT OUT in Plain View! v. 1-2

Significance of Moses' Staff

- It reminded Moses of the life he had given up as a PRINCE in Egypt (Ex. 2:1-10).
- It represented the life Moses was living as a SHEPHERD in the wilderness (Ex. 3:1).
- It represented Moses' heart desire as a DELIVERER of God's people (Ex. 2:11-22).

What are you holding in your hand? What is symbolic of your "staff"?

Step 2: THROW IT DOWN in Full Surrender! v. 3

Why do we hold tightly instead of releasing what's in our hand?

We fear we won't get it BACK or it will come back changed, and we don't want change.

Step 3: PICK IT UP in Obedient Faith! v. 4-5

Trusting God in Obedient Faith

The "staff of Moses" became the "STAFF OF GOD" that Moses used to serve God's purpose of delivering His people for His glory.

"And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs." Exodus 4:17

So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand. Exodus 4:20

What Is That in Your Hand?

Remember, your inadequacy does not HINDER God's sufficiency to use the ordinary for His glory when we trust and obey Him.

What's symbolic of your "staff"?
Hold it out, throw it down, and pick it up for God's glory.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21