

WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR HAND?

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 4:1-2
JUDGES 15:15

INTRODUCTION

OFTEN WE WOULD BE WILLING TO BE USED BY GOD IF ONLY CERTAIN CONDITIONS IN OUR LIFE WERE CHANGED, OR IF WE HAD A SPECIAL TALENT LIKE A FRIEND HAS, OR IF WE DID NOT HAVE A PARTICULAR HANDICAP THAT IS OURS.

BUT GOD WANTS US TO LOOK AT OUR CAPABILITIES WHICH WE HAVE AT THIS MOMENT, CONSECRATE THEM TO HIM, AND BE WILLING TO BE USED OF HIM.

I. EXAMINE WHAT CAPACITIES YOU HAVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:28 NIV AND IN THE CHURCH GOD HAS APPOINTED FIRST OF ALL APOSTLES, SECOND PROPHETS, THIRD TEACHERS, THEN WORKERS OF MIRACLES, ALSO THOSE HAVING THE GIFTS OF HEALING, THOSE WITH GIFTS OF ADMINISTRATION, AND THOSE SPEAKING DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES.

ROMANS 12:6-8 NIV WE HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS, ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN TO US. IF A MAN'S GIFT IS PROPHECYING, LET HIM USE IT IN PROPORTION TO HIS FAITH. IF IT IS SERVING LET HIM SERVE; IF IT IS TEACHING LET HIM TEACH; IF IT IS ENCOURAGING LET HIM ENCOURAGE; IF IT IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS, LET HIM GIVE GENEROUSLY; IF IT IS LEADERSHIP, LET HIM GOVERN DILIGENTLY; IF IT IS SHOWING MERCY, LET HIM DO IT CHEERFULLY.

- A. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU SPECIAL GIFTS
- B. FIND OUT WHAT YOU DO WELL
- C. DETERMINE THOSE THINGS YOU CAN DO BY GOD'S GRACE

II. REALIZE THAT GOD CAN USE THOSE CAPABILITIES

1 CORINTHIANS 12:18 NIV BUT IN FACT GOD HAS ARRANGED THE PARTS IN THE

BODY, EVERY ONE OF THEM, JUST AS HE WANTED THEM TO BE.

- A. HE GAVE YOU THOSE ABILITIES TO INVEST IN HIS KINGDOM
- B. HE IS WAITING FOR YOU TO REALIZE THAT HE WANTS TO USE YOU
- C. GOD MADE YOU TO BE A UNIQUE PART OF HIS ECONOMY

III. COMMIT THOSE CAPACITIES TO HIM TO USE

EXODUS 4:2-4 NIV THEN THE LORD SAID TO HIM, "WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR HAND?" "A STAFF," HE REPLIED. THE LORD SAID, "THROW IT ON THE GROUND." MOSES THREW IT ON THE GROUND AND IT BECAME A SNAKE, AND HE RAN FROM IT. THEN THE LORD SAID, "REACH OUT AND TAKE IT BY THE TAIL." SO MOSES REACHED OUT AND TOOK HOLD OF THE SNAKE AND IT TURNED BACK INTO A STAFF IN HIS HAND.

- A. WHEN YOU CAST YOUR ABILITIES ON THE HOLY GROUND NEAR GOD, YOUR ABILITY MAY CHANGE
- B. GOD CAN TRANSFORM YOUR ABILITY
- C. GOD WILL ASK YOU TO TAKE THE TRANSFORMED ABILITY BACK TO YOURSELF
- D. HE WILL USE YOUR TRANSFORMED ABILITY TO BRING GLORY TO HIMSELF