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“What is that in your Hand?”

—Exodus 4:2 (NKJV)

In our last Trumpet Call article, we considered the question, “What is God holding in His hand?” Is it a rod of iron, a sharp sword, a scepter or a shepherd’s staff? Most certainly, He holds us, our pastors and our churches in His hands. He said, “I have graven you upon the palms of my hands” (Is. 49:15, 16).

But now, perhaps our Lord would wish to ask us the same question. In Exodus, chapter four, He asked Moses: **“What is that in your hand?”** Like Moses, we may be asked to throw it down so we can see what it is really like. What have we been grasping so tightly, believing it to be God’s work? If it has not been kept under God’s control, it might be more like a serpent than we could imagine. By yielding what we have to God’s control and then following His instructions our dry stick may become the Rod of God. What is that in your hand?

Though it may seem small and insignificant what we have in our hand can yet be mightily used of God. What we yield to God will be changed and multiplied for His glory and His purpose. One day a young boy gave his small lunch to Jesus. Under Jesus’ control the small lunch fed 5,000 men plus women and children, possibly up to 20,000 people. When we hand over to Him what we hold in our hands, He is able to change it, add to it and multiply it.

What do you have in the house? Elisha asked this question of a poor widow whose creditors were coming to take her sons into slavery (2 Kings 4:2 NKJV). All she had in the house was a jar of oil. Placing her faith in God and believing the prophet, she obeyed his instructions regarding the oil. She could have held on to it because it was special, perhaps used to anoint the body of her late husband. No, she was willing to pour it out according to the word of the Lord. It filled a great many vessels and paid her debts. Like the widow in the days of Elijah who had but a handful of flour and a little oil; when she believed God and cared for His prophet, the flour and oil never ran out. (1 Kings 17:12-14). There is surely something in your house that God can use; a hidden talent, a spiritual or personal gift, a pearl of great value; something that, if yielded to Him, can be multiplied exponentially for His Kingdom. What do you have in your house? Don’t hold onto it any longer. Give it to God!

What do you have in your heart? David prayed, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts” (Ps. 139: 23). Only God knows the hidden treasures in the heart of man. If only we will allow Him to draw them out! We may think that our love, our faith is too small, that our heart is not holy. Be encouraged! There is hope! Build on the small faith you do have! “God has dealt to each one a measure of faith” (Rom. 12:3 NKJV). Your faith may seem to you as small as a handful of flour. You may feel you have only a little oil of the Holy Spirit, but remember, Jesus said that faith as a grain of mustard seed can move mountains (Mt. 17:20). Though your faith is small, stand on that faith! God will add to it and multiply it! He “is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Eph. 3:20 NKJV). By His grace, we can add to our faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love (2 Pet. 1:5-7 NKJV). What do you have in your heart?