

What Are You Willing To Surrender To God?

Exodus 4:1-4:20

What do you have?

What is available to you, at your disposal, in your possession?

This rod was nothing special of itself; it was just a rod (a stick).

What was significant about this stick was: It was what Moses had.

Note: God did not ask Moses what he didn't have.

We could all make a long list of what we don't have.

*We don't have enough money

*We don't have a good education

*We don't have a high social standing

The list can go on and on

But God never directs our attention to what we don't have, but to what we do have even though it seems small.

Note: God gave us everything we needed to do the job

Even though what we have seems small, weak, insignificant this is on purpose, because God has designed it so that what we have must be connected to him, to work.

The difference is the power of God.

It is not your ability, your knowledge, your talent, or the size of your gift or the beauty of your gift that matters

All that matters is: How much of God is in your heart.

Your heart represents what you have that you're willing to surrender to God.

- When God gets in it, it's enough

- When God gets in it, it will surprise you (Moses fled from before his rod when it turned into a serpent).

The anointing is the supernatural power of God operating through the natural to produce results that are humanly impossible.

We need to ask God to get in our heart.

1. That is to say the great need of the hour is God in our song,
2. God in our preaching,
3. God in our marriage,
4. God in our business.
5. God in our gift God in our talent.

A. When God gets in a thing it is not the same.

B. When God gets in a thing it can scare some people.

Just like Moses who had never seen his rod do anything like that before.

*God got in a rock and caused a river to flow out of it that quenched the thirst of 1 to 3 million Israelites.

*God got in a donkey and caused it to speak and rebuke a rebellious prophet.

*God got in an axe head of Iron and caused it to swim up to the top of the water so the prophet could reach out his hand and take hold of it.

*God got in a little pot of oil and caused it to multiply till it met every need and provided an abundant overflow.

In 1st Kings 17, God got in a cake of bread given to a Prophet and a drink of water and sustained a widow women and her son through a famine!

God got in a box, and they called it the Ark of the Covenant.

They placed this box inside the most Holy Place of the tabernacle (The Ark was made out of wood, but it was covered with Gold,)

This is symbolic of the natural and the supernatural, the human and the divine nature of Jesus.

The Most Holy Place from the inside was covered in gold but from the outside the tabernacle was covered with badger skin.

No one would know by looking at the outside, that there was such a valuable treasure inside.

Today God has chosen to place his presence and glory in human tents; our bodies are the temples of God.

2 Corinthians 4:7 **But we have this (treasure in earthen vessels,) that the Excellency of the power may be of God and not of us.**

- Moses rod symbolizes something that is weak, it has no life or energy of its own,
- It can only do what the natural human power of Moses enables it to do.
- Until the power of God got in it.
- In like fashion: We are weak, we have no life or strength or power of our own.

It was only as Moses released his rod to God, that Gods power came into it. It is only as we surrender ourselves to God that his power will be manifested through us.

Too many times we are unwilling to give up what we have.

- We want to hold on to what we know, what we understand,
- What we are comfortable with,
- What we have leaned upon and had control of for so long.

God wants to give us something new, something greater, (but you have to be willing to let go of what you have).

Trust God with your Life with you situation!

Before God could fulfill his promise to Abraham that all the nations of the earth would be blessed in his seed, He asked for his seed back.

Abraham trusted God with his seed {Isaac} and God gave him Jesus and everyone who trusts in his blood to save us.

We are today the seed of Abraham because Abraham was willing to give what he had to God.

The rod of Moses became the rod of God.

That rod became the symbol of God's authority and Power, The instrument by which God's word and will were enforced.

So it is today: It is through you and I who carry the Spirit and the Word in us that God's will is enforced in the earth.

God told Moses what he was going to do and how he would deliver Israel But he still had to stretch out the rod.

In like fashion God's word reveals his will to us, but we still have to speak it, (Stretch out the rod).

Jesus said we had mountain moving power, but he said in order for the mountain to move we have to speak to it.

Every time Moses stretched out the rod it was a type of **speaking the Word out of a believing heart.**

A. Just as Moses and the rod were God's instruments for bringing his Power against Egypt and setting the Israelites free,

B. We today are God's instruments to afflict Satan's kingdom, to bind the enemy of the souls of men and women and set them free.

One of the greatest problems we have as Believers is we have a tendency to underestimate what we have.

Never just look at what you have in the natural but look at the Power God has given you through the Holy Ghost!

1. I have just enough meal and oil for one little cake said the widow of Zarephath
2. I have just a little pot of oil, said the widow woman who was in debt and in danger of losing her sons to a life of slavery.
3. There is a lad here with two fish and five loaves of bread, but what is that among so many asked Philip a disciple of Jesus.

- **But in each case their little bit was enough.**
- **When they put it in God's hands it became more than enough.**

When Samson was assaulted by the philistines there were no superior weapons of quality design to be found,
He started looking around him for something, (anything that he could use)
He found the jawbone of an ass and with it slew a thousand men.

What made this jawbone Samson's weapon of choice?

Answer: It was there, it was available, and it was within reach.

God is not looking for greatness, (any old stick, any old bush will do), (All God needs is for you to make what you have available to him). Put it in his hands.
When Samson looked at that jawbone of an ass, he saw something no one else saw, (he saw an instrument of mass destruction) and that's what it became in his hand.

Had he despised that jawbone and thought that it was too weak, or too insignificant or too foolish, he may have died at the hands of the enemy.

I believe many of Gods people have been defeated in life because we have allowed the enemy to cause us to despise our gift, or our talent,
Like the servant who went out and buried his one talent, many have buried their talents because it seemed so weak, so small, and so insignificant.

Look what God did with a stick.

The Holy Ghost is saying to us: It's time to take the harp off the willow tree, dig up

that hidden talent and put it in the Master's hands.

What do you have that you are willing to surrender to God?