

## WHAT'S IN YOUR HAND?

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Ex 4:2-3 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

Most of you probably know the story of Moses. He was the Hebrew baby who was pulled from the Nile River and raised in the palace of Pharaoh's daughter, groomed to be the next leader in Egypt. Moses was not an Egyptian, he was a Hebrew. His people were slaves to Pharaoh and Moses was just waiting for the day whenever he would lead his people out of Egyptian bondage.

One day Moses saw an Egyptian taking advantage of a Hebrew and Moses killed the Egyptian and hid his body in the sand. When he realized that what he had done was known and not appreciated by his own people, he fled to the desert and there made his living by tending sheep.

For forty years, Moses felt like he had failed to accomplish his God ordained dream of delivering the Israelites out of slavery.

Do you have any God ordained dreams? Is there something that you would like to accomplish in this world before your time is gone? Are you willing to make yourself available and give God what He wants from you?

Moses had his shepherd's staff in his hand and God said to him, "Throw it down."

Moses' staff represented his identity and security as a shepherd. It was his way of making a living. It was also the way he protected himself and his flock. So when God told Moses to throw it down, He was asking Moses to let go of who he was and what he had.

Throwing down your staff is letting go and letting God and that's very hard for those who like to be in control.

Are you in control of your life or is God? Do the things that you have belong to you or to Him?

What's in your hand? What are you holding on to? What are you not willing to let go of? If you aren't willing to let go, then you don't control whatever it is that you are holding on to. It controls you!

What's in your hand? You can hang on to it and see what you can do or you can throw it down and be obedient to the voice of God in your life and watch what He will do.

The choice is yours.