



**What's In  
Your Hand?**

# NEWS FLASH

God Uses Ordinary People &  
Things To Accomplish  
Extra-Ordinary Results

- **Our Challenge**

- Value our ordinary opportunities placed before us by God
- Value our ordinary lives as a gift from God
- Value our ordinary tools as gifts



**What's In Your Hand?**

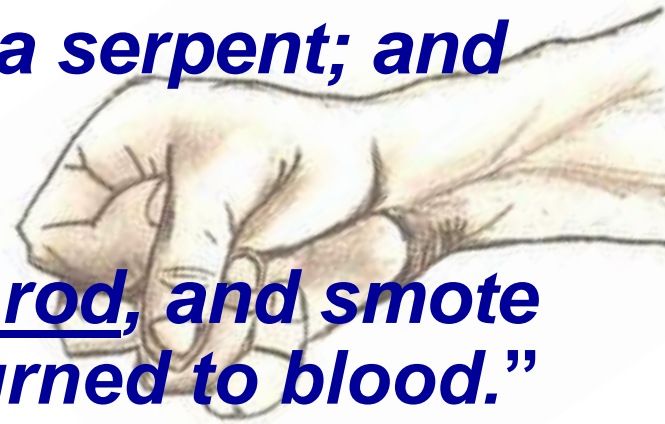
# God Uses the Ordinary

- **Moses had an ordinary staff**

- **Exodus 4:2-3**, “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.”

- **Exodus 7:20**, “he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that in the river...turned to blood.”

- **Exodus 14:16**, “lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.”



# God Uses the Ordinary

- **Samson had an ordinary jawbone**
  - **Judges 15:15**, *“he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.”*
- **David had an ordinary sling & stone**
  - **1 Samuel 17:49**, *“David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth”*



# God Uses the Ordinary

- **The boy had ordinary loaves & fish**
  - **John 6:9-14**, *“they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten”*
- **Tabitha’s ordinary gift**
  - **Acts 9:36-39**, *“Dorcas...full of good works and alms deeds which she did...it came to pass ...that she was sick, and died...all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.”*



# God Uses the Ordinary

- **God Calls Ordinary Men**

- **Matthew 4:18-20**, *“Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.”*

- **Acts 9:1-9**, *“...suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven...And he fell to the earth... Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?”*



# What Has God Put In Your Hands?

- **Ecclesiastes 9:10**, “*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*”
- **Colossians 3:23-24**, “*whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord.*”
- **1 Corinthians 10:31**, “*whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*”



# KEYS TO SERVING GOD WITH AN ORDINARY LIFE

- 1. Be prepared, use all the ordinary things God makes available for our hands!**
  - **Matthew 25:1-13**, The ten virgins
- 2. Use the ordinary things God has put in our hands immediately!**
  - **Matthew 25:14-30**, The parable of the talents
  - **John 9:4**, *“the night cometh when no man can work cometh”*
- 3. Give God the Glory for what is in your hand & not yourself!**
  - **Numbers 20:12**, Moses strikes the rock





# What's In Your Hand?

**Exodus 4:2**, *“the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand?”*