

God's Got Questions!

Lesson Five • Exodus 4:1-5
Releasing Our Heart Desire

God's Question: "What's that in your hand?"

Moses' answer: "A STAFF."

*Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'" Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.
Exodus 4:1-2 NIV*

The Significance of Moses' Staff:

- It reminded Moses of the life he had GIVEN UP as a prince.
- It represented the life Moses was NOW LIVING as a shepherd.
- It represented Moses' HEART DESIRE as a deliverer.

Releasing Our Heart Desire:

Step 1: HOLD IT OUT In Plain View!

*Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.
Exodus 4:2 NIV*

What are you holding in your hand? What is symbolic of your "staff"?

My answer: _____.

Step 2: THROW IT DOWN In Full Surrender!

The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Exodus 4:3 NIV

Why do we hold on more tightly instead of releasing our heart desire?

We fear we won't get it BACK or it will come back changed, and we don't want change.

But Here's the Problem:

Until we let go of our heart desire we cannot claim God is FIRST in our lives; and until God is first, we cannot discover our deepest joy and greatest satisfaction.

Step 3: PICK IT UP In Obedient Faith!

Then the LORD said to him, "Reach out your hand 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. "This," said the LORD, "is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you." Exodus 4:4-5 NIV

When Moses Trusted God...

The "staff of Moses" became the "STAFF OF GOD" that God used to serve His purposes and to fulfill Moses' heart desire.

So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand. Exodus 4:20

God Wants to Use the ORDINARY for His Glory!

What about you? What's symbolic of your "staff"?
Are you willing to hold it out, throw it down, and pick it up for God's glory?