

(sermon notes)

SURRENDERING WHAT'S IN OUR HANDS - Lessons at the Burning Bush -

Exodus 4:1-5

- God wants us to really _____ what's
"_____."

"And the Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' And he said, 'A staff [rod].'" (Ex. 4:2)

- God wants us to _____.

"Then He said, 'Throw it on the ground.'" (Ex. 4:3a)

- God doesn't expect us to _____.

"What is that in your hand?..." (Ex. 4:2)

- Everything we have been holding on to _____.

"So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it."
(Ex. 4:3b)

- God can't use what we have _____.

"Throw it on the ground!" (Ex. 4:3a)

- God will _____ to us _____.

"But the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand and grasp it by its tail' – so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand."
(Ex. 4:4)



The Power of a Life Yielded to God

- The _____ of our lives can be used
in extraordinary _____.

"...that they may believe that the Lord...has appeared to you...You shall take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs." (Ex. 4, 17)

"Moses also took the staff of God in his hand." (Ex. 4:20)

"Thus says the Lord, 'By this you shall know that I am the Lord: behold, I will strike the water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand, and it will be turned to blood.'" (Ex. 7:17)

"Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth." (Ex. 9:23)

"So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the Lord directed an east wind on the land all that day and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts." (Ex. 10:13)

"[And the Lord said to Moses,] 'As for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land.'" (Ex. 14:16)

"Then the Lord said to Moses, '...Take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go...And you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.'" (Ex. 17:5-6)

"So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.'" (Ex. 17:9)

- God is more concerned with our _____
than He is with our _____.

Exodus 4:10-12

- A Word of Caution -

- The devil is constantly _____
to get us to _____
what we have to God's purposes.

Numbers 20:8-12