

## WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND?

### 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

**Introduction:** The story is told about church member going fishing instead of going to Sunday School. On the way home after fishing, he met his pastor and after greetings and being asked about his absence by the pastor, the pastor asked what that was in the man's hand, of course it was a fishing pole, the man quickly replied, "pastor, just look at the trouble these fish got into by biting on a Sunday, holding up the fish he had caught." "What's that in your hand?" has been asked many times.

### I. MOSES HAD A SHEPHERD'S STAFF IN HIS HAND

1. Moses' real parents were slaves in Egypt, but he was taken in by the family of Pharaoh and raised in royalty. He did, however, find out who he really was and rebelled against the treatment his real people were receiving being slaves. He was forced to flee into the wilderness.
  - Moses found people, was accepted, married, settled down as a shepherd.
  - Moses learned about God and one day went up to a mountain to try to find God.
  - While on the mountain, he did find God and God asked Moses, "...what is that in your hand Moses?"
  - On God's command Moses threw the shepherd's staff to the ground and God turned it into a serpent and then back into the shepherd's staff.
  - All Moses had to do with the staff turning into a serpent was to obey God.

### II. DAVID HAD A SHEPHERD'S SLING IN HIS HAND

1. Israel and the Philistines were constantly at war. The Philistines had a giant of a man in their army and he was always challenging someone from Israel to fight him.
  - David showed up one day, bringing supplies to his brothers (only a teenager, himself).
  - David asked why nobody accepted the Philistine giant's challenge, everybody was afraid to.
  - David said he wasn't afraid, he had killed a bear and a lion, so if God had helped him do that, then it wouldn't be any problem with this Philistine giant.
  - Everybody tried to keep David away from the giant, but finally they let him go and David took only his sling and some rocks.
  - All David had to do was have faith and use what he had in his hand.
  - He slew the giant with a single sling of a rock.

### III. A LAD HAD A LUNCH IN HIS HAND

1. Crowds were always following Jesus everywhere He went.
  - On this particular day, it was time to eat and Jesus wanted the multitude fed.
  - The disciples looked around and all the only food they could find was what a small boy had for his lunch, 2 small fish and 5 little loaves of barley bread.
  - Being brought to Jesus, Jesus asked what was in the lad's hand, "5 loaves and 2 fish."
  - Jesus sat the people down, blessed the little bit of food and had the disciples start passing it around. Everybody got some to eat and afterwards the disciples gathered up 12 baskets of left over fish and bread.

- The boy only had a little bit of food in his hand, but he was willing to give to Jesus what he had. Jesus did the rest.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Moses had a shepherd's staff. He obeyed God and things happened.
2. David had a shepherd's sling shot. He trusted God and things happened.
3. The lad had a small bag of food. He gave it to Jesus and things happened.
4. Take a look at yourself. What about you? What do you have that the Lord can use? Will you let Him have it?
5. The results are in God's hands. It is up to us to give Him whatever it is that we have/can.