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What Is in Your Hand?

The Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” And he said, A staff.”—Exodus 2:2

We have before us one of the many great questions found in the Bible. God’s people are slaves in the land of Egypt and the time has come when God is going to deliver them from that bondage. God has chosen Moses to be the one to lead the people out of Egypt but Moses, feeling inadequate to take on this task, says “they will not believe me.” To this the Lord asks this simple question, “what is that in your hand” to which Moses replies, “a staff.” That which was just a stick of some kind in Moses’ hand when placed in the hand of God became the staff of God (Exodus 4:20) that by the power of God became the force that brought the plagues on Egypt, divided the Red Sea and brought water from a rock.

As I think about this event in the life of Moses, the thought occurs to me that our God can take whatever we are willing to put into his hands and make them into something that will be great and mighty. I think about David who once held in his hands only a sling and five smooth stones as he went out to fight the giant, Goliath (1 Samuel 17:20-51). I hear David as he says to Goliath, “you come to me with spear, sword and javelin but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel” and with that said, he placed a stone in the sling and slew Goliath. In the hands of God, that sling and those stones became the force that put the Philippian army to flight.

I think about a little boy who had only 5 loaves and 2 fish (Matthew 14:12-21). In the hands of that little boy nothing more than a simple lunch just for him but when placed into the hands of the Lord, that simple little lunch fed 5000 men besides women and children with 12 baskets left over. On another occasion 7 loaves and a few small fish placed into the Lord’s hand fed 4000 men besides women and children.

Sometimes I fear that we may look at ourselves and begin to think that we are just small, weak, frail, insignificant individuals with very little to offer the Lord. Yet we hold our life in our hands and both our present and future life are going to be what we make them to be. Time is a precious gift that has been given to us and it is priceless. Time is our greatest friend or enemy, depending upon how we use it. We hold influence in our hands and it will bless us or bring harm to us. We have talents and abilities in our hands that we will one day be held accountable for as to how we have or have not used them.



I submit to you that if we will place our life, our time, our influence, and our abilities into the hand of the Lord with the attitude, “Lord, here am I, use me”, he can and will make our life beautiful, wonderful and useful. Folks, this is not a matter of what can I do; it is a matter of what can God do through me. If we, without reservation, willingly place ourself into the hands of God, the results will without a doubt surprise us with some marvelous results.

- Charles Hicks

Our Prayer List

- Lift Brittany up as she is just had her 2nd surgery yesterday being scheduled for another upcoming surgery. The drainage tubes that were input in her surgery last week aren't working properly and fluid is coming from the pancreas and surrounding her kidney. They have drained 1 liter of fluid from her lungs and will have to drain more. Her grandpa Dan says she has got a good attitude. All prayers are appreciated. I wasn't given the time for the surgery however Dan will advise when he has the information.
- Pray for the those who have illnesses in their families
- Please pray for those who less fortunate who are out in this cold weather.
- My daughter is 21 and battling addiction to drugs. In and out of rehab, it's been a roller coaster ride. Pray she breaks away and gets the energy and desire to stop.
- Praise for Cydney and Banjo who were both recently baptized. Be sure to welcome our new brother and sister.
- Barbara requests prayers for her daughter Rebecca.
- Praise for our celebration of the Mercy Mobile's 1st year!
- Pray for the Snypp family as Dave's father recently passed away.
- Nancy Armenta is doing well after her recent procedure. She will have an ultrasound on the back of her head/neck area on November 21st. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Dennis Badley is recovering from the removal of his kidney and also 2 knee surgeries. Prayers are requested for his physical strength.
- Pray for suggestions for those who may become future Deacons or Elders. Should you have any suggestions, please submit the names to the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) - Darrell & Laura, Brad & Eunice, Bob & Sharon or to our Deacons Gary, Troy, Brad and Cisco.
- Pray for Israel.
- Praise God, who is good ALL THE TIME.

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so GOOD!**

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Sunday Worship January 7, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children's church is this week.) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
January Servers – Brian Bungart Elijah Herbert Dan Gross Terry Bratcher					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Jon Powless	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Brad Orser	Communion: Dave Snynn	Offering: Dave Snynn
For the latest worship leader schedule, click this link: http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf					
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9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium Led by Trent Herbert			Children Class: Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
Men's Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			Ladies in the Word Upstairs Overflow Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
Bible Class & Prayer Colossians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			Ladies Prayer Group LaDonna's home – 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			December 31 th - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 4,450.00 If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

January 2024: Mark David – 2, Michelle Herbert – 4, Pat Woodrow – 9, Isaiah Zepf – 13, Karen Taylor – 18, Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30

February 2024: DeLoris Lawler – 9, Fuzzy Volpitta – 12

Goodness Of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I surrender now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me



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