



The Questions God Asks

Bible Study Series – Part II

September 2020

The Questions God Asks – Recap

Question

What we learn about God

What we learn about ourselves

Where are you? (Gen 3)

- The God who created the universe longs for a special relationship with His people

- What "trees" do we allow ourselves to come in between us & God; take a regular, honest assessment of our spiritual state

Exodus 4:1-5

- ¹Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The Lord has not appeared to you.’ ”
- ² So the Lord said to him, “What *is* that in your hand?” He said, “A rod.”
- ³ And He said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.
- ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail” (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand),
- ⁵ “that they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”



The commission of Moses: Exodus 3

- ⁹ Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.
- ¹⁰ Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

The commission of Moses: Exodus 3

- ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

Reflection

What was a situation where/when you felt inadequate to do something that you felt that God was calling you to do?

Who? Me?

What Moses believed	What Moses said	How God responded
"I am a nobody"	Exodus 3:11	Exodus 3:12
"I am not a theologian"	Exodus 3:13	Exodus 3:14-15
"I am unconvincing"	Exodus 4:1	Exodus 4:2-9
"I am not a preacher"	Exodus 4:10	Exodus 4:11-12
"I am really not interested"	Exodus 4:13	Exodus 4:14-17

Multi-Factor Authentication

- Three forms of accreditation that God gives to Moses:
 - A rod transformed
 - A hand healed
 - Water converted

A man in a brown robe and white head covering is shown from the chest up, holding a long, curved wooden staff. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The man's face is partially visible, showing a mustache and a serious expression. The staff is made of dark wood with some lighter patches and a small knot. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the robe and the staff.

What is that in your hand?
Exodus 4:2

Ordinary Instruments for Extraordinary Purposes

Ehud (Judges 3)
Dagger

Shamgar (Judges 3)
Ox-Goad

Gideon (Judges 7)
Pitchers & Lamps

Samson (Judges 15)
Donkey's jawbone

David (1 Sam 17)
Sling

Widow (2 Kings 4)
Pot of Oil

Wedding (John 2)
Six Jars of Water

Young Boy (John 6)
Five Loaves & Two
Fishes

Exodus 4

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A transformed instrument - Exodus 4

- ²⁰ Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.



But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

Reflection & Application

- When have I seen the Lord use ordinary objects or circumstances to do something remarkable, perhaps even miraculous?
- What everyday “rods” do I have which the Lord might use in unexpected ways?
- Which one of my “rods” would be hardest for me to throw down and release control over?

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What is that in your hand? (Exodus 4)

- The almighty God looks for ordinary instruments to accomplish His extraordinary purposes

- Reconsider our resources; trust and allow the Lord to use them to fulfill His calling for us; availability not capability

A Daily Prayer

- Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise
- Take my hands, and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be, Swift and beautiful for Thee
- Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be, Filled with messages from Thee
- Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use, Every power as Thou shalt choose
- Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne
- Take my love; my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee

The Questions God Asks – Coming Up

Where are you? (Genesis 3)

What is that in your hand? (Exodus 4)

What are you doing here? (1 Kings 19)

Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin? (Haggai 1)



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