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MOSES AND THE STAFF

YOU GOT THIS

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

God has given you something He wants to use in your life. God uses unexpected things and circumstances. God never leaves you with nothing. Let's look in your Moses

Exodus 4:2-5 NIV -[2] Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. [3] The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. [4] 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. [5] "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."

- God gives through your history to show you that He has been with you your whole life
- Take what you have and give it to God
- God will use the underestimated thing in your hand to to great things
- What you think is nothing will turn out to be something greater
- God is about to do a "new thing" in familiar territory

What thing has God placed in your possession that He wants to use? What is God asking you to use that He gave you?

5 THINGS THAT COULD HAVE DISQUALIFIED HIM

1) HE WAS A FOSTER CHILD

- *He was chosen*

2) HE WAS A MURDER

- *God doesn't allow your past to block you*

3) HE WAS A FUGITIVE

- *You cannot hide from God*

4) HE OWNS NOTHING

- *In the kingdom of God you have everything you need*

5) HE HAS NOTHING

- *God will not call you to do something and give you nothing*
- *When you let something go for God it never leaves your life*
- *God waits for you to have an awareness of what He put in your possession*

Name five things that could have disqualified you. How have they served as a blessing instead of a hindrance?

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT

Exodus 3:11 NIV- But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

- God is not afraid of your question
- You're not getting the answers because you aren't asking God the right questions
- Every aspect of your deliverance left an anointing on your life to get others out of what you have been delivered from
- Praise God for what you came out of, you were in it not of it
- Some people won't get delivered until you line up

What were you in that God has delivered you out of? What has changed since coming out?

QUESTIONS CONCERNING GOD

Exodus 3:13 NIV-Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

- Never be afraid to tell who God is to you
- God's track record has proven His faithfulness

Who do you say God is? Why?

QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIMSELF

Exodus 4:1 NIV - Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?"

- When God starts to speak to you, you have to wrestle with your insecurities
- You have to silence your flesh
- God is always stretching you
- If you're not careful you will talk yourself out of your assignment
- You had some much confidence until God decided to use you
- Insecurities are a trick of the enemy

What insecurities are you wrestling with?

THE LORD ASKS MOSES A QUESTION

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

- Prayer isn't just talking to God, it's also listening to God
- God talks back to us
- You need to spend at least as much time listening to God as you do talking

- When God asks you a question back you have to be ready to answer
- Whenever God asks you a question, He already knows the answer
- If you underestimate the value of what's in your hand you will never try to use it for God
- There is power in what you possess
- God wants to give you a revelation about your resources
- God is about to take something common and put some oil on it

What have you been carrying, what burden is on your heart, what idea has God given you?

When was the last time you looked at what you do have?

HOW?

1) YOU HAVE TO SUBMIT IT TO THE LORD

Exodus 4:3 NIV - The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake,

- God never leaves you without a seed
- You have to give everything to God and He will stretch it
- You can't take nothing from me I gave it to God
- Anything you give God He gives back greater
- If it doesn't meet the need it must be a seed
- Quit treating your seed like a harvest

What have you had to submit to God that He turned into more?

Job 22:21 NIV - "Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you."

- When you submit to God, you don't go looking for it , it comes looking for you
- Be at peace and lack nothing
- It will come looking for you

What have you submitted to God, but you're still worrying about it?

2) YOU HAVE TO OVERCOME YOUR FEARS CONCERNING IT

Exodus 4:3-4 - [3] ...he ran from it. [4] 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.

- Deal with it and face it head on

- You don't have to be afraid of what God called you to do because He is in charge
- Don't be afraid of what you have when God wants to use it
- Stop running from what you never seen before

What has caused you to lose confidence in your abilities?

Exodus 4:10-11 NIV - [10] Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." [11] The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"

- Your self-proclaimed deficiencies do not stop God
- You have to excuse your excuses
- God knows everything you are dealing with before He calls you

What deficiencies have you allowed to become barriers to your success?

Isaiah 41:10 NIV-[10] So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

[13] For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

- The Lord is with you, for you, and in you
- You will use everything God gave you
- You will become who God wants you to be
- You have everything you need to create everything you need

What has God called you to create?

3) YOU HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IT!!

Exodus 4:17 NIV - But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.

- God is showing you He is for you, with you, and in you
- Take what you have and perform signs with it
- God is taking what you have and creating something
- You have to be delivered from small thinking
- God has been perfecting your gift
- God had been hiding you
- God is exposing you now and bringing you out
- Your practice has been your preparation

What have you been practicing in private? What is your plan to execute it publicly?

Exodus 4:20 NIV - 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.**

- Get out of small spaces
- Allow God to expand you
- There are some things that you are holding that you don't know the value

Where is God taking you? What does your new destination look like?

PRESSURE POINT

Exodus 14:15-16 NIV -[15] Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. [16] **Raise your staff** and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

- You cannot hide from pressure
- Proverbs 24:10 NLT "If you fail under pressure, your strength is too small."

How do you respond to pressure? What can you learn from Moses about dealing with pressure?

SOMETHING SO SMALL THAT GOD USED SO BIG

- 1) David had to use his lyre
- 2) Ester had to use her beauty
- 3) Solomon had to use his wisdom
- 4) Woman had to use her resources with Elisha
- 5) Peter had to use his work tool (net)
- 6) Rahab had to use her house
- 7) Jacob used his kids
- 8) Lad used his lunch

QUESTION

What is something that you consider small on your hand that God wants to use for his Glory?

DECLARATION

I will use everything God has given me for His glory!

PRAYER

Father God, I thank You for everything that You have entrusted to my hands. Every gift, talent, and blessing that You placed in my hand will be used to glorify You. Your love for me has allowed me to overcome my insecurities and to look beyond my past. The adversities of life have

helped me to endure under pressure. I thank You Lord for trusting me to steward the little into the greater. Use me Lord for Your glory as I commit my will to Your will, in Jesus' name, Amen!