

GOD SENT US TO YOU! Pt. 6
How God Sends Us! With Everything We Need!
Sermon Outline
September 16, 2018

Text – **Exodus 4: 1-4**

Reading Schedule:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9/16</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 16; Exodus 4: 1-17</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>9/17</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 17; Mark 6: 30-44</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9/18</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 18; John 6: 1-14</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9/19</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 19; Matthew 14: 13-21</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9/20</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 20; Exodus 7: 14-21; Exodus 9: 13-35</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>9/21</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 21; Exodus 8: 1-19; Exodus 10: 1-31</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>9/22</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 22; Exodus 17: 1-16; Numbers 20: 1-13</i>

Read: **Exodus 4: 1-4**

Exodus 4: 1-4 – *Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen^(A) to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you?’”*

² *Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?”*

“A staff,”^(B) he replied.

³ *The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.”*

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake,^(C) 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^(D) 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 Sent Us to You! How God Sends Us! WITH WHAT’S IN OUR HANDS!

1. **Principle #1** Everything we need is already in our hands.
 - a. God uses that which we already have, to demonstrate the all-sufficiency of God!

- b. “Throw it on the ground...take it by the tail”
 - i. Throwing the staff on the ground was an act of submission to God by placing what we have before God.
 - ii. Taking the snake by the tail was an act of faith in God, because reasonable way to pick up a snake is behind the head, so it can't bite you.
- c. The miracles God performed using Moses' staff
 - i. The meetings with pharaoh and the plagues
 - a. Nile to Blood – Exodus 7: 14-21.
 - b. Frogs – Exodus 8: 1-15
 - c. Gnats – Exodus 8: 16-19
 - d. Hail – Exodus 9: 13-35
 - e. Locust – Exodus 10: 1-20
 - ii. Parting of Red Sea – Exodus 14: 1-31
 - iii. Water from rock Exodus 17: 1-7
 - iv. Water from rock – Numbers 20: 1-13
 - v. Victory in battle – Exodus 17: 8-16
 - vi. What we place trustingly before God in the natural is used supernaturally by God for our benefit!
- d. God is asking today, “What’s in your hand? What have I given you to place before me?”
- e. When we step out in faith in God, ⁵ *“This,” said the Lord, “is so that they may believe^(D) 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.”*
- f. Has God appeared to you?

How to Use What We Have!

Mark 6: 32 & 34; 37-38n (6: 30-44) – ³⁰ *The apostles^(AE) gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.^(AG) ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat,^(AH) he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”*

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat^(AJ) to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.^(AJ) So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”^(AK)

They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages^[e]! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”

When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

1. **Mark 6: 35 – Principle #2** Focus on what you have!
 - a. The disciples were focused on what they didn't have.
 - b. Many of us never look at what we have when we're in need. We look at what we don't have!
 - c. The question posed by God to Moses and to us is, “What’s that in your hand?”
2. Mark 6: 37 – Jesus said, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”
 - a. **Principle #3** God is our supplier of everything, so start answering questions God is asking!
 - b. “I don’t have enough money!” “Have you placed your finances under my authority?”
 1. Do you tithe? But I can’t because...1

2. Do you pay before you play? I work hard for my money, so I ought to do what I want with it!
3. Do you save?
4. Are you paying off debt?
5. “What’s that in your hand? Have you laid it in submission before me?”

3. **Mark 6: 38** – Jesus said, “How many loaves do you have?”

Principle #4 Go and **see!!!!**

John 6: 7-9 – ⁷ Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages^[a] to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother,^(E) spoke up, ⁹ “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

a. **John 6: 9** – The boy had the five loaves and two fish.

1. They had counted the men because they thought that was the source.
2. The boy was ignored until the disciples looked to SEE what they had.
3. They found they had more than bread, they also had fish.
4. Go and see. And as you look to the right source, you may find that you have even more than you were looking for!

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Mt. 14: 19

1. Jesus only took what Jesus could use.
2. If Jesus won it all at the Cross, then the enemy only has the power to distract.

3. Stay focused on your strengths – what God has given us that we can use!
4. The resurrection story is not resuscitation but new life. This is abundant life!