

“Using What We Have”

Exo. 4:1-5

Introduction

- I. There are lots of things that we do not have, and we may never have.
- II. Instead of focusing on what we do not have, we should use what we do have.
- III. At different times, God has shown that if man will use what he has, then great things can be done.

Discussion

- I. Moses
 - A. Moses had a rod (Exo. 4:1-5).
 - B. Think of the ways that God used that rod (Exo. 7:15-21; cf. Aaron's rod [Exo. 8:5-6, 17; 9:22-23; 10:12-14; 14:13-16, 21-26-28]).
 - C. Instead of using all of his excuses not to do something, Moses used what he had.
- II. David
 - A. David had a sling and five smooth stones (1 Sam. 17:40-51).
 - B. Goliath seemingly had many advantages (size; sword; spear; armor).
 - C. Instead of dwelling on his disadvantages, David used what he had (cf. 1 Sam. 17:28-32).
- III. The lad and Jesus
 - A. The lad had five barley loaves and two small fishes (John 6:5-13).
 - B. What may seem like little to man, God can use for great things.
 - C. Instead of deriding how little they had, Jesus used what he had to feed a multitude.
- IV. What about us, what do we have?
 - A. We have time (Eph. 5:16; cf. John 9:4).
 - B. We have abilities (cf. Matt 25:14ff).
 - C. We have the Gospel (Rom. 1:16; cf. Heb. 4:12).

Conclusion

- I. Let us make up our minds to use what we have.
- II. God is able to do amazing things (Luke 18:27).