

## **What is in Your Hand?**

*“And thus shall ye eat; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand” (Exodus 12:11).*

When something is repeated many times in the Bible, it is for a good reason. The principle of looking to what we have and not to what we don't have is taught over and over again in both the Old and New Testaments. The reason for the repetition is that we tend to make the same mistakes many times in our lives.

Our human nature causes us to focus on how far we still have to go instead of how far we have come. When I speak to couples with marriage problems, I know the work ahead will be difficult. Discouragement can enter easily if they dwell on the year or two of effort it will probably take to turn the marriage around. You may not get out of your situation overnight, but you can be delivered faster than the time it took to get into it!

## **God Can Multiply What Looks Small**

There must be a daily attitude of thankfulness for every inch of progress. Every journey begins with the first step. God can multiply one seed into a crop. Become grateful for the progress made instead of the distance yet to go.

When Jesus asked the disciples how much food they had for feeding the multitude, they responded with a description of the five loaves and two fishes. Then they said “What are they among so many” (John 6:9). Jesus' response was different. He took the loaves and fishes and blessed them and *multiplied them!* **The disciples looked at the size of the need. Jesus looked at the provisions in his hand.** We need to learn from Jesus' example to bless what we have even if it looks small. Only by blessing what we have can it ever be multiplied.

Instead of blessing the few who come, many ministers complain about the numbers who did not come. If you keep cursing the empty seats, the full seats will one

day be empty too. People do not want to be rebuked weekly because of those who did not attend.

Your small amount of talent, teaching ability, or money can be much when you bless it and give it to the Lord. With one stick, Moses delivered an entire generation. What can you do in your generation?

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