

## Many uses for what's in your hand (egg)

1. 100s of ways to cook the egg
2. Beauty product – facial cleansers, shampoo because of vitamins and proteins
3. **Cleaning drains** – crush the egg shells until fine and sit in drain. Each time water runs, the shells will go through the pipes acting like a safe, natural abrasive (i.e. Liquid Drano)
4. **Gardening** – shells keep animals from around the garden because it feels like broken glass to the pads on their feet
5. Tea Stains – put crushed shells in tea stained pot and sit overnight. Add water and swish around. Stains gone
6. Plant seedlings in the eggshells
7. **First Aid** – for small cuts boil an egg and use the thin membrane between the white and the shell to make a “band-aid”. It acts as a thin skin and also has scar fighting nutrients.
8. **Leather cleaner** – use the whites to scrub your leather then wipe with a damp cloth. The egg will form a protective covering giving the leather a shine.
9. **Glue** – will hold light items like paper and cardboard with the same holding power as all-purpose glue
10. Candle mold – drain egg white and yolk from shell. Pour hot wax into empty shell and insert a wick. Once cooled crack the egg shell for an egg shaped candle.
11. **Homemade calcium pills** – steam shells to sanitize and let dry. Grind them down to powder and place into gelatin capsules

## Exodus 4:1-5 (NASB)

### BACKGROUND

- Moses had saw God and been told to go back to Egypt to free his people.
- God said they would listen to Moses (Exodus 3:18), but Moses asks (lacking faith), “will they listen to me?”
- God gives the play by play, but Moses still has doubts.
- Moses remembers how they once rejected him, so he feels the same will happen.
  - **Lesson:** Present discouragements often arise from former disappointments

### BREAKDOWN – What is in your hand?

- **Hand (YAWD) – POWER**
- **Rod** - symbol of guidance or the thing I’m leaning on (walking stick); *Moses in presence of God but still holding a stick*
- **Throw it down (cast it away)**- let go of the very thing you were holding on to (have made God)
- **Serpent** - now dejected and the very thing you were leaning on becomes an enemy; *you see deception (symbol of royal/divine power worn on heads of Pharaohs) instead of miracle*
- **Moses flees** – instead of resisting the devil making him flee, you flee
- **God commands** –
  - **Stretch out hand** - requires obedience in faith
  - **Grab the tail (“end” of issue)** come from a different perspective (trust God it won’t “bite”)
    - *The TAIL has Greek equivalent word that means to lay hold of with the mind (understand, learn, perceive, comprehend)*
- **Caught it – to prevail, to grow stronger**
- **Became** (emphatic) a **rod** again – restoration but now you know it was the power of God that changed your situation because it left your hands

## SUPPORT

- Moses was busy telling God what he didn't have, but God was asking what do you have?
- Moses told God he had a stick.
  - What is a stick, it was nothing in Moses eyes, and in human eyes, but God knew that stick when given to Him would be the ROD OF GOD, a miracle working tool.
- It's not about what we have; it's what we have **given to God** that makes the difference.
- That "stick" you holding onto was/is nothing in itself, but used by God, it was a Power tool.
- **God is not terrified by our lack** – what you have right now is enough
- **God doesn't look at situations like man** (man see serpent God sees transformation)
  - *Little boy with 2 fish 5 loves*
  - *Widow only had enough for small meal*
  - *Gideon thought he needed 30,000 but God said 300 will do*
  - *David knew all he need was 5 stones and slingshot (and 4 were reserved for Goliath brothers) because he had faith*
- **Even if you have nothing, God work with that (Gen. 1:1-2 proof) – all He did was speak and that nothing became spectacular**
  - God lost something but He knew He had enough

## CONCLUSION / APPLICATION

- What is in your hand?
  - Stammering lips
  - inadequate education
  - poverty
  - dysfunctional background
  - shady past
  - diseased body
  - unpopular personality
  - weak demeanor
  - an impossible dream
  - fear, timidity
  - no connections, no skill, no talent, no money?
- He asked Moses, "What is that that you have in your hand?"
  - Many times the very blessing we need is already in our grasp.