

**Aveleigh Celebrates America**  
**Sunday July 2 2017**  
**YOUR YEAR OF FAITH**  
**Sermon: WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?**  
**TEXT: Exodus 4: 1-5 p. 63**

**INTRO:** American's greatest need is to hear The Voice of God.

## **1. THE ESSENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF HEARING GOD'S VOICE:**

### **PROVES YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD**

John, 10:3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out

### **PROTECTS YOU FROM MISTAKES**

Job 33:29 "God does all these things to a person twice, even three times<sup>30</sup> to turn them back from the pit, that the light of life may shine on them.

### **IS THE KEY TO A PRODUCTIVE LIFE.**

Jeremiah 29:11, For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to **prosper** you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

2. **TUNE TO THE GOD CHANNEL.** James 1:5 & 6 *"If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he's always ready to give wisdom to those who ask him; he won't resent it. But when you ask him, be sure that you expect him to tell you."*

Believe God IS. Ex. 3:14 I am that I am

Believe God cares Mat. 6:26 Look at the birds of the air.....

Expect God to answer. Bible says *"You have not because you ask not."*

Over twenty times in the New Testament we are commanded to ask. *"Ask and it shall be given, ...seek and you'll find.... Knock and the door will be open. .*

## **3. MOSED WAS ALL TUNED IN.**

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'" Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> "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." Ex.4:1-5 p.63

#### **4. MOSES STAFF REPRESENTS:**

His IDENTITY

HIS INCOME

HIS INFLUENCE

#### **5. TODAY'S MATURITY POINT, IF YOU LAY IT DOWN, GOD WILL MAKE IT ALIVE.**

**CONCLUSION:** Our greatest need is to Hear The Voice of GOD, so I will ask you the divine question, "What is in your hand?"

**Prayer:** God, you see us and we are so grateful. You know the condition of our hearts, the worries of our minds. You know our suffering and pain, our gratitude and celebrations. God, I ask that you would make your presence known to each person today. Send your Spirit to speak words of truth and hope. Help us to hear Your Voice and receive a word from you. Thank you for seeing us and knowing us. Amen.

#### **FOUR FOR THE ROAD**

1. How do you receive messages from others?
2. Have you ever heard the voice of God? or a message from God?
3. How has God communicated with you?
4. What could you do to help yourself hear god Voice?