

Stretch Out Your Hand

“Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward. “As for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land” (Exod 14:15–16 NAS95).

Moses is standing before frighten and despaired people who have allowed their outlook to be influenced primarily of what they were able to see before them. They see the Egyptians before them and the Water around them feeling trapped. Not knowing that this was all apart of the Lord's plan (see Ex. 14:1-4). So they cry out to God speaking to Moses of why have they been brought out here to die in the wilderness? Moses encourages them and points them to the Lord. The Lord in turn encourages Moses and gives him instructions on what to do.

“The LORD said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' And he said, 'A staff” (Exod 4:2 NAS95). Moses used this staff to perform the plagues and signs before Pharaoh and the people. God only pointed Moses back to what God has already given him. God has already called and empowered and equipped Moses to do the work that is before him so all he had to do was the work.

Living out our life is based on our obedience of our Lord. The Lord loves us enough that he will remind us that he has given us what we need in-order to succeed. Moses had the power and authority given to him to lead the Israelites to freedom all because God has given him this authority.

You should know that God has also called you and appointed you to do great works for the kingdom. You may be called to be a spouse or to serve in offices in different places. No matter your position or title if you know the Lord for yourself then you should know that he has given you what you need to be successful in life for it is for his good and perfect will.

PRAYER:

Lord, I depend on you to bring me through and to do all you have made me to perform according to your will and your word. Forgive me for the repeated times I have lowered my perception of you and outlook on life. I know you are greater and bigger than all that comes my way and that you will not leave me nor forsake me. So I declare I will walk according to your promise and your holy word so that I will see the goodness of the Lord in my life. Amen.