

SERMON OUTLINE

UNDERLYING QUESTION: DO I WANT TO BE USED BY GOD?

“Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:1-11 NLT

“But Moses protested again, “What if they won’t believe me or listen to me? What if they say, ‘The Lord never appeared to you’?” Then the Lord asked him, “What is that in your hand?” “A shepherd’s staff,” Moses replied. “Throw it down on the ground,” the Lord told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back. Then the Lord told him, “Reach out and grab its tail.” So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a shepherd’s staff in his hand.”

Exodus 4:1-4 NLT

What serving is: Others benefit at my expense.

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HOW DO WE SERVE? —>

1. SEE THE EXAMPLE (Paul/Jesus)

Comfort is the modern drug we're all addicted to – Someone on the internet

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Jesus didn't **cling** to his **divinity**, so let's not **cling** to our **comfort**.

2. SEE WHATS IN YOUR HAND (Moses/Us)

Then the Lord asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied.

ARE WHAT YOU HAVE AND WHO YOU ARE SURRENDERED IN SERVICE TO GOD?

WHY THIS MATTERS! —>

- **IF WE NEVER GET AROUND TO SERVING, WE WILL STAY AS infant CHRISTIANS.**
- **WHEN WE START SERVING, WE ARE OPERATING IN OUR GOD GIVEN PURPOSE.**

WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?

- **Make yourself available to God.**
- **Find a need and meet it.**