

What Is That in Your Hand?
Acts 3:1-10

“What is that in your hand?” is the question we must answer when we consider our role in the mission God has given us. This awe-inspiring moment in Acts 3:1-10 happened because Peter knew what he had in his hand. And you have what he had.

Luke records a significant detail in verse 7. He specified “the right hand.” The right hand in Scripture is a symbol, and in this text it indicates what you and I have in our hands as we go out in the world and encounter opportunities to serve the Lord and proclaim His kingdom.

Extending the right hand signifies acceptance and recognition of value. Among the things this disabled beggar needed was to be noticed and recognized as valuable. As a Christ follower, you have in your hand what Peter had: the indelible imprint of the truth that every person bears the image of God and is cherished by Him—the same truth that caused our Lord to bear the imprint of the executioner’s nails.

In the Bible, the majority of mentions of the right hand refer to God’s right hand. In almost every case, His right hand represented the power of God. The Bible depicts the power of God in God’s right hand, not ours. But in Scripture, a person’s right hand did symbolize the passing on of God’s blessing. It served as a transfer point for the power of God to bring about the blessing for person upon whom the right hand was placed.

Most every day, many times a day, God presents you with the opportunity to be the bridge that lets the miracle of God’s blessing cross over into someone else’s life.

Peter’s gesture shows us what all Christians have: the imprint of the truth that God cherishes all people and we have the ability to extend God’s blessing to others. But for that to matter, we have to reach out when opportunities arise.

God’s power often awaits your reach.