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- Welcome! Opening prayer, praise reports
- FCCI news/update
- Today's topic: **What is that in your hand?**

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." —Ex. 4:2-3



For content at our meetings this fall, I'm using some topics from the keynote addresses and breakout sessions during the recent FCCI global conference in Los Angeles. Today it's based on Rick Warren's message on Moses' staff. I don't have a video or script, so it's from my memory. I hope I do it justice!

Physically, there was nothing 'special' about Moses' staff. It was a simple wooden staff. But it was what Moses was equipped with when he was expelled from Egypt, as he became a shepherd, as he returned to Egypt to set the Jews free, as he stood before the Red Sea, and as he led the Jews through the wilderness. Time after time, God supernaturally demonstrated his divine power through this humble, weathered staff.

When we come to the end of life, the Lord will not hold us accountable for what we do NOT have in our hands. He will hold us accountable for what we DO have in our hands. If we give Him control over what we have, He can show himself strong in our weakness. As soon as we try to tighten our grip and take control, His power will be short-circuited. Around this table, we are all small business owners. None of us lead multi-billion-dollar Fortune 100 corporations. To the world, our businesses are virtually insignificant. When we give the Lord freedom to deploy what we have for His Kingdom, He can do amazing things that confound us and the world around us.

It reminds me of Prudence Crandall, who was so passionately involved in the abolitionist movement. She looked at others, and at the magnitude of the challenge, and said, "**Wealth is not mine to give, but what I have is the ability to teach.**" She became Connecticut's Official Heroine!

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of freely allowing God to use what you have for His purposes.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by being more of a free-flow of His power?										
What specific actions can you take to become more of a freeflow?										

- Next meeting on 11/7
- Upcoming events: Kingdom of Courage on 10/19, Jacob's Well on 11/2
- Closing prayer