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Exodus 4:1-5

Introduction:

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Question to consider: What has God placed in your hands and what are you doing with it?

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Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

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3. He was feeling afraid.

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