

Give Me A Hand
Exodus 17:8-16

Introduction:

- A. We need everyone to pitch in and play a part in the work that goes on for the glory of God.
- B. In our text we meet a man who steps out from the shadows for only a moment before returning once more to the shadows.
- C. Let's consider some lessons Hur teaches us concerning our work for the Lord today.

The Man Named Hur

- A. He was one of several Old Testament men named Hur.
- B. Some scholars believe he was the grandfather of Bezalel, one of the tabernacle craftsmen (Exo. 31:1-5; 38:21-22).
- C. According to Josephus, Hur was married to Miriam, making him the brother-in-law of Moses.
- D. He assisted Aaron with the people while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exo. 24:14).

Lessons from Hur for the Church Today

- A. Be willing to cooperate when there is work to be done.
 - 1. Look for opportunities to be involved in the work at hand (Matt. 20:26-28).
 - 2. I Cor. 15:58 – we are to be steadfast, immovable and always abounding in the work of the Lord.
 - 3. While there may be some things you cannot do, there are plenty of things you can do!
 - 4. Look for ways to involve others in works. Someone had to get Hur involved in the work.
- B. Be willing to do what you can even if it seems insignificant.
 - 1. Holding up the hands of Moses seemed insignificant in light of what others were doing.
 - 2. I Cor. 15:58 – “always abounding in the work of the Lord” doesn't differentiate b/t big or small works.
 - 3. We must be willing to contribute and do our part (I Cor. 12:4-7).
 - 4. No task is unimportant, especially if it is being done for the glory of God (Col. 3:23).
- C. Be willing to work without the promise of credit.
 - 1. People like Hur often go unnoticed and underappreciated. Yet, Hur was willing to serve anyway.
 - 2. Our service should never hinge on whether we will be noticed (Matt. 6:1-2, 5-6, 16-18).
 - 3. God takes notice of what we do even when others may not notice our service (Matt. 25:31-46).

Conclusion:

- A. Whether we serve out in front for all to see or back in the shadows, our service is essential.
- B. No matter how big or small it may seem, what we do in service to the Lord matters.
- C. There are no such things as unimportant works when it comes to serving the Lord.