

## THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD



**Exodus 17:8-16, ESV** – <sup>8</sup> Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. <sup>9</sup> So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.” <sup>10</sup> So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup> Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. <sup>12</sup> But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. <sup>13</sup> And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” <sup>15</sup> And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner, <sup>16</sup> saying, “A hand upon the throne of the LORD! The LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

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# SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of October 18, 2020

Exodus 17:8-16

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This weekend, we were reminded that not all challenges are internal. Some of them are external. Even so, God gives us a blueprint in Exodus 17 to deal with these external challenges. What is the blueprint?

2 Why is it difficult to rely on God alone for deliverance?

3 Why is it important to remember how God has delivered us in the past? How can we "memorialize" God's past deliverances so we do not forget them?

## DIGGING DEEPER

A **1 Peter 5:8-9, ESV** – <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

4 What kind of person is the devil seeking to "devour"? How can a person keep from becoming the devil's "prey"?

5 How is it reassuring to know that other believers are experiencing the same challenges as you?

**B** **2 Corinthians 10:3-4, ESV** – <sup>3</sup> *For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.* <sup>4</sup> *For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.*

6 According to the passage above, our weapons are not of the flesh. What exactly are our weapons?

7 What strongholds is Paul referring to? How have some of these strongholds affected you? How have you overcome them?

**C** **Ephesians 6:10-12, ESV** – <sup>10</sup> *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.* <sup>11</sup> *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.* <sup>12</sup> *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

8 In the passage above, we see Paul speaking about how to prepare for warfare. What is our part in this preparation? What is God's part?

9 How is being strong in the Lord related to remembering His deliverance in past circumstances?

## TAKING IT HOME

In Exodus 17, we see how God delivers the Israelites from an external threat. Just like the Israelites, we have external enemies. How do you respond to these external enemies? Do you react like the Israelites of Exodus 17:1-7 or the Israelites of Exodus 17:8-16? What battles are you currently engaged in that you need to “be strong in the Lord”? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you and pray for a faith that trusts in God for deliverance in all circumstances.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deuteronomy 28:7

Psalm 91:1-16

Isaiah 54:17

James 4:7-8