

THEN AMALEK CAME

Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. ⁹ 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."¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.¹¹ Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.¹² 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.¹³ And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.¹⁴ 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."¹⁵ And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner,¹⁶ saying, "A hand upon the throne of the LORD! The LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

Exodus 17:8-16 (ESV)

Know who your ENEMY is.

- **Israel's enemy was AMALEK, a descendant of Esau**
"I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob ³ but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert."
Malachi 1:2-3 (ESV)

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

Hebrews 12:15-16 (ESV)

- **Our enemy is SATAN, a LIAR and DECEIVER.**
Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8

Know the enemy's plan of ATTACK.

- **He attacks after SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE.**
 - The Red Sea divided right before your eyes.
 - Manna and quail from Heaven.
 - Water from a rock.
- **He attacks after PERSONAL DEFEAT.**
But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."
Exodus 17:3-4 (ESV)
- **He attacks when you are WEAK and WEARY.**
"Never forget what the Amalekites did to you as you came from Egypt.¹⁸ They attacked you when you were exhausted and weary, and they struck down those who were straggling behind. They had no fear of God.
Deut. 25:17-18 (NLT)

Know WHAT it takes to win the BATTLE.

- **Joshua on the BATTLEFIELD.**
¹⁰ *So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek,*
- **Moses on the HILLTOP.**
...while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.¹¹ Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.
- **Aaron and Hur giving SUPPORT.**
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.