



## **VICTORY IS OURS**

**Exodus 17:1-16**

- ***What or who are some of the big challenges you've had to deal with in your life?***
- **There will be many internal and external challenges in life, but the solution to overcoming those challenges is trusting the Lord for provision and victory.**
- ***"At the Lord's command, the whole community of Israel left the wilderness of Sin and moved from place to place. Eventually they camped at Rephidim, but there was no water there for the people to drink...While the people of Israel were still at Rephidim, the warriors of Amalek attacked them."*** (Exodus 17:1,8)
- **The people of Israel were still struggling to trust God to provide for them even though He had already provided for them multiple times.**
- **Jesus - *"If God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, He will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?"*** (Matthew 6:30)
- **The Lord has every intention of quenching every thirst and quelling every enemy.**
- **Jesus - *"Those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."*** (John 4:14)
- ***"If God is for us, who can ever be against us?"*** (Romans 8:31)
- **In order to have satisfaction and victory in our lives we will have to run the race set before us with endurance.**
- ***"Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."*** (Hebrews 12:1)
- **What does it take to live a life of endurance?**

***Living A Life Of Endurance Requires:***

### **IDENTIFYING THE THREATS WHICH COME AGAINST US**

***We Learn From Exodus 17 That:***

- **SOME THREATS ARE INTERNAL**
  - **The Israelites had to deal with their thirst in the Desert.**
  - ***"At the Lord's command, the whole community of Israel left the wilderness of Sin and moved from place to place. Eventually they camped at Rephidim, but there was no water there for the people to drink."*** (Exodus 17:1)
  - **Internal threats include but are not limited to fear, anxiety, depression, loneliness, lust, doubt, impatience, and self-reliance.**

- *“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:6-7)
- **SOME THREATS ARE RELATIONAL**
  - **Moses had to deal with the complaining of the Israelites**
  - *“So once more the people complained against Moses. ‘Give us water to drink!’ they demanded.”* (Exodus 17:2)
  - **Every relationship with a friend, relative, work associate or neighbor has the potential to be strained, damaged, or broken.**
  - *“Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”* (Ephesians 4:32)
- **SOME THREATS ARE EXTERNAL**
  - **The Israelites had to deal with the attack of the Amalekites**
  - *“While the people of Israel were still at Rephidim, the warriors of Amalek attacked them.”* (Exodus 17:8)
  - **External threats include work problems and stress, cultural differences, crime and exploitation, being taken advantage of by others, and even responses to a worldwide pandemic.**
  - *“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment.”* (Romans 5:3-5)
- **SOME THREATS ARE PERSONAL**
  - **Moses had to deal with his own frailty and exhaustion.**
  - *“As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage.”* (Exodus 17:11)
  - **Personal threats include our struggles with physical health, our work status, our responses to trauma and injury, and our ability to manage and maintain our finances.**
  - Paul - *“I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”* (2 Corinthians 12:10)
- ***What are some threats that I’ve been having to deal with, and how have they impacted my life?***

***Living With Endurance Requires:***

## **RE-CENTERING OUR TRUST IN THE LORD**

***Daily We Have To Focus On:***

- **TRUSTING IN THE LORD’S PROVISION**
  - **God is able to provide from the most unlikely of circumstances.**
  - *“The Lord said to Moses, . . . ‘I will stand before you on the rock at Mount Sinai. Strike the rock, and water will come gushing out. Then the people will be able to*

*drink.’ So Moses struck the rock as he was told, and water gushed out as the elders looked on.” (Exodus 17:6)*

- **God has promised to provide for us no matter where we are in our lives.**
- *“This same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)*
- **TRUSTING IN THE LORD’S PROTECTION**
  - **Even when we are attacked unexpectedly the Lord will protect us.**
  - *“As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.” (Exodus 17:13)*
  - **God has promised to protect us no matter what enemy comes against us.**
  - *“When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.” (Isaiah 43:2)*
- **What steps do I need to take to better refocus on the Lord so that I won’t be overwhelmed by the threats that come against me?**

**Living With Endurance Requires:**

### **ENLISTING THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHERS**

- **Endurance is always possible when we embrace the assistance of others.**
- *“Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)*

**To Live Victorious Lives We Need Assistance From:**

#### ● **PEOPLE WHO HELP US WORSHIP**

- **The people of Israel were supported by Moses who lifted his Staff in order to access the power and dominion of God.**
- *“As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage.” (Exodus 17:11)*

#### ● **PEOPLE WHO HELP US TO HAVE WISDOM**

- **Moses was supported by Aaron and Hur who gave him stability, support, and strength.**
- *“Moses’ arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset.” (Exodus 17:12)*

#### ● **PEOPLE WHO HELP US WITH SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

- **Moses, Aaron, and Hur were supported by Joshua who led the army and fought in the front lines of the battle against their enemy.**
- *“As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.” (Exodus 17:13)*
- *“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)*
- **Who are some people that have helped me in the spiritual battles I’ve found myself in?**

- **Overwhelming victory over every opposition in life is possible when we run the race of life with endurance trusting the Lord and enlisting the support of others.**
- *“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” (Galatians 6:9)*
- **The key to endurance and perseverance is focusing our eyes on Jesus and trusting Him to finish and perfect the work of faith He has started within us.**
- *“Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” (Hebrews 12:1-2)*
- ***What is the Lord saying to me through this message?***