

FROM EXODUS TO PROMISE



- 1. If this auditorium were attacked right now, I am prepared to defend it.
- 2. There is at least one person from my past with which I still have a major, unresolved issue.

Notes

dig deep

- 3. My siblings and I are best friends, without any unresolved issues.
- 4. When spiritual leaders get too tired, God stops working through them.
- 5. God requires some action on our part, before He brings victory on His part.

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SIBLING RIVALRIES:

• What are some of the things that parents do that cause sibling rivalries?

» READ Exodus 17:8 (NLT).

8 While the people of Israel were still at Rephidim, the warriors of Amalek attacked them.

 ∞ Who were the Amalekites? Why and how were they attacking the Israelites?

» READ Exodus 17:9 (NLT).

9 Moses commanded Joshua, "Choose some men to go out and fight the army of Amalek for us. Tomorrow, I will stand at the top of the hill, holding the staff of God in my hand."

- ∞ This is the first mention of Joshua! What are the major challenges for Joshua here?
 - > Moses mentions that he will be holding the "staff of God" in his hand. Why is this important? Where have we seen this staff in scenes of the past?

Might there be any symbolism forming here?

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» READ Exodus 17:10-13 (NLT).

10 So Joshua did what Moses had commanded and fought the army of Amalek. Meanwhile, Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed to the top of a nearby hill. 11 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. 12 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. 13 As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.

 ∞ This is the first mention of Hur! What do we know about him...I mean, Hur?

∞ Moses' actions (of keeping the staff raised in order to win) seem bizarre. Why do you think God interacted with Moses and the Israelite's battle in this way?

∞ This was their first military battle. What element of God's character was He trying to portray here?

» READ Exodus 17:14-16 (NLT).

14 After the victory, the Lord instructed Moses, "Write this down on a scroll as a permanent reminder, and read it aloud to Joshua: I will erase the memory of Amalek from under heaven." 15 Moses built an altar there and named it Yahweh-Nissi (which means "the Lord is my banner"). 16 He said, "They have raised their fist against the Lord's throne, so now the Lord will be at war with Amalek generation after generation."

∞ What do you think was the significance of writing this record down, and why did it need to be read aloud to Joshua?

> How difficult must this have been for God to say ("I will erase the memory of Amalek from under heaven.")?

 ∞ What is the significance, even today, of the altar named "the Lord is my banner?"

1. What relationships from my past are still infringing on my personal peace?



- 2. During times of spiritual battle in my life, am I continually staying connected to God's throne?
- 3. What new element of God's character does He want me to know this week?