



EXODUS

YHWH GOES TO WAR!

5-Day Devotional: When God is at the Center

Day 1: The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Reading: Exodus 17:8-16; 2 Chronicles 20:15

Devotional: When Amalek attacked Israel's weakest members, they weren't just attacking people—they were attacking Yahweh himself. Moses couldn't even hold his arms up without help, revealing a profound truth: our strength is insufficient for the battles we face. The victory came not through human might but through God's presence symbolized by the raised staff.

What battles are overwhelming you today? Work conflicts? Relational struggles? Financial pressures? These aren't ultimately your battles—they're attacks on the God who dwells within you. Like Moses, we must recognize our weakness and position ourselves under God's authority. The enemy may attack, but Yahweh fights for His people. Your role isn't to muster enough strength; it's to keep your eyes fixed on the One who has already won.

Reflection: What battle are you trying to fight in your own strength that you need to surrender to God?

Day 2: Humble Witness in Family Tension

Reading: Exodus 18:1-12; 1 Peter 3:15-16

Devotional: Moses faced potential family conflict when Jethro, a pagan priest, returned his wife and children. Instead of defensiveness or avoidance, Moses demonstrated profound humility—bowing, embracing, and asking about Jethro's welfare. Then he simply told Yahweh's story, not his own accomplishments.

The result? Jethro confessed, "Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods."

Family tensions often tempt us toward self-justification or withdrawal. We rehearse arguments to prove we're right. But Moses shows a better way: take yourself out of the center and put God there. When we humbly share what God has done rather than defending what we've done, the Holy Spirit works powerfully. Your testimony isn't about your greatness—it's about His. Let God defend you while you simply point others to His glory.

Reflection: In strained family relationships, are you trying to justify yourself or glorify God?

Day 3: Recognizing God's Activity

Reading: Exodus 18:13-27; Ephesians 4:11-16

Devotional: Moses nearly burned out trying to lead alone, believing the lie: "If I don't do it, who will?" Jethro's wisdom revealed the truth—God was already raising up leaders. Moses just needed to recognize them.

We often exhaust ourselves thinking everything depends on us. We miss what God is already doing because we're too busy doing what we think needs doing. Jethro told Moses to "look for" able people who fear God—not create them, but recognize what God was already accomplishing.

This transforms how we approach ministry, parenting, and work. Instead of manufacturing solutions, we prayerfully ask: "God, what are You already doing here?" Then we join His work rather than asking Him to bless ours. This shift from self-reliance to God-recognition moves us from exhaustion to partnership with the Almighty.

Reflection: Where do you need to stop striving and start looking for God's activity?

Day 4: From Stranger to Delivered

Reading: Psalm 34:1-8; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Devotional: Moses named his sons based on his circumstances. Gershom meant "I am a stranger in a foreign land"—a name reflecting Moses' difficult situation. But Eliezer meant "The Lord has delivered me"—a name reflecting God's faithfulness.

The difference between these names reveals two perspectives: one centered on self and circumstances, the other centered on God and His deliverance. When we're overwhelmed, we focus on how hard things are for us. We rehearse our struggles, wearing our burdens like identity badges.

But God invites us to a different narrative. Yes, acknowledge the difficulty, but don't stop there. Shift your focus to the Deliverer. What has God brought you through? How has He proven faithful? Your story of struggle becomes a testimony of deliverance when you change who's at the center. Let your life declare not "look how hard this is" but "look how faithful He is."

Reflection: What "Gershom" in your life needs to be renamed "Eliezer"?

Day 5: Living in His Hip Pocket

Reading: Deuteronomy 33:26-29; Romans 8:31-39

Devotional: You are overwhelmed because you are limited—in power, knowledge, and presence. God is never overwhelmed because He is unlimited in all things. The solution to feeling crushed by circumstances isn't trying harder; it's getting "in His hip pocket" and riding along with what He's doing.

This requires humility to admit we're not in control and wisdom to recognize His activity. It means asking "Where is God moving?" instead of "How can I fix this?" It transforms prayer from presenting our solutions to discovering His plans.

When adversaries attack, remember they're attacking Him. When family tensions rise, remember He reconciles. When work overwhelms, remember He equips His body. You're not the hero of this story—you're a beloved participant in His grand narrative. Rest in that truth. Let Him fight, deliver, and accomplish His will while you faithfully walk alongside Him.

Reflection: In what area of life do you need to stop directing and start following God's lead?