



# The Exodus – *My Banner*

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## Ice Breaker

What's one Christmas gift you received as a child that you were really excited about, or one that didn't turn out quite as expected?

## Key Verses

- Exodus 17:1-7 (NASB)
- Exodus 17:8-16 (NASB)
- Deuteronomy 18:15 (NASB)
- Matthew 28:17-20
- 1 Timothy 5:17
- 1 Peter 5:1-2
- Hebrews 13:7
- Hebrews 13:17-18
- Hebrews 4:11

## Questions

- What was the difference between how the Israelites responded to being thirsty versus how Joshua responded to Moses' call to battle? What can we learn from this contrast?
- Why do you think Moses chose Joshua specifically to lead the battle against the Amalekites, especially after the people had been grumbling against Moses?
- What is the significance of Moses' hands being held up during the battle? How does this relate to the role of spiritual leadership and support in the church today?

- The sermon mentions that we live in a world with two kingdoms - God's kingdom and Satan's kingdom. How do you see evidence of this spiritual battle in your daily life?
- How can we avoid the negative example of 'Massah and Meribah' (testing and quarreling) when we face difficulties or challenges in our faith journey?
- What does it mean practically to 'rally around Jesus Christ as our banner' in today's world? How can we do this as individuals and as a church?
- The sermon emphasizes supporting spiritual leaders in the church. What are some practical ways we can encourage and support our pastors and church leaders?
- How does understanding eternal rewards motivate you to live faithfully for Christ, even when facing opposition or difficulties?

## Life Application

This week, identify one area where you've been tempted to grumble or complain instead of trusting God's provision and plan. Choose to 'rally around Jesus as your banner' by praying specifically about this situation and looking for ways to support rather than criticize the spiritual leadership in your life. Additionally, reach out to encourage a spiritual leader in your church through a note, prayer, or practical support.

## Key Takeaways

- We live in a world with two kingdoms - God's kingdom and Satan's kingdom - and we must choose which one we will serve and support
- Small faith leads to grumbling and testing God, while great faith leads to victory and obedience like Joshua demonstrated
- Spiritual leaders need support from their congregations, just as Moses needed Aaron and Hur to hold up his hands during battle
- Jesus Christ is our banner and standard - we must rally around Him and believe in what He can do through us
- Our faithful service to Christ today will be rewarded in eternity, motivating us to live with great faith and unity as the church

# Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for being our banner and our standard in the midst of life's battles. Help us to be people of great faith like Joshua, ready to obey Your call and support the leaders You have placed in our lives. When we face difficulties or feel tempted to grumble and complain, remind us of Your faithfulness and power. Unite us as Your church to build Your kingdom together, knowing that You are with us and that our faithful service will be rewarded. Give us courage to rally around You in all circumstances, trusting that You will bring victory as we remain faithful to Your calling. In Your mighty name we pray, Amen.