



# Outward Group Discussion Guide

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## SUMMARY

This sermon explores the meaning of God as "Jehovah Nissi" (The Lord is My Banner) through the account of Israel's battle with the Amalekites in Exodus 17. The pastor emphasizes that while Christians have ultimate victory through Christ, they still face daily spiritual battles that require active engagement. The message highlights three critical aspects of spiritual warfare: the need to enlist and be ready for service, the power of prayer as our primary weapon, and the necessity of community support. Moses' raised hands holding the staff of God symbolized dependence on God's sovereign power, not human strength. The sermon concludes by pointing to Jesus as our ultimate banner, lifted up on the cross to secure our victory over sin and death. Christians are called to be a praying people who find their identity, strength, and hope in looking to Christ as their banner in every battle they face.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you experienced an unexpected spiritual attack just when things seemed to be going well in your faith journey, and how did you respond?
2. In what ways does viewing prayer as our primary weapon in spiritual warfare change how you approach daily challenges and difficulties?
3. Who are the Aaron and Hur figures in your life who hold up your arms when you grow weary, and are you intentionally inviting people into that role?
4. How would your prayer life change if you shifted from mostly logistical prayers to more strategic prayers focused on spiritual wisdom and walking worthy of the Lord?
5. What does it mean practically for you to play on God's team and represent His banner in your workplace, family, or community?
6. Are you ready to be called up into service like Joshua was, even without extensive training or experience, and what might be holding you back?

7. How does recognizing your weakness and need for community actually magnify God's glory rather than diminish your own worth?
8. In what areas of life do you need to be more honest about your limitations and proactively ask others for support before you reach a breaking point?
9. What would it look like for you to build memorials or altars in your life that help you remember how God has provided victory in past battles?
10. When facing current struggles, how does looking to Jesus lifted up on the cross as our banner give you courage and hope for the battle ahead?