

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### God our Banner (Yahweh-Nissi)

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
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#### Where do you feel like you are losing in life today?

Exodus 17:8-15 (NLT) While the people of Israel were still at Rephidim, the warriors of Amalek attacked them. <sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle. <sup>14</sup> 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." <sup>15</sup> Moses built an altar there and named it Yahweh-Nissi (which means "the Lord is my banner").

- **We can't achieve fulfilling victory in our own strength.**

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- **We have an enemy seeking to destroy God's plans and purposes in our lives.**

John 3:14-16 (NLT) "And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

Song of Solomon 2:4 "He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love [for love waved as a protecting and comforting banner over my head when I was near him]." AMPC

- **God's Banner over us is love.**

**Big Idea: God's Banner over us is love, so we can live victoriously in His strength.**

Exodus 14:14 (NLT) "The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm."

*Prayer: Lord, I thank you for raising your standard over me. Today, as I face spiritual battles of many kinds, help me to be confident of your protection, to fight with your power, to prevail in your strength. Yahweh Nissi, may your victory be total and complete, destroying whatever stands in the way of your plans and purposes for me and your Church. Amen*





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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Where do you feel like you are losing in life today? Where are not experiencing “victory” in some way?

4) Read Exodus 17:8-15. What does this passage reveal about God? What does it tell us about ourselves?

5) What tactics is the enemy currently using in your life to defeat you and steal the life that Jesus came to give you? What steps do you need to take to overcome the enemy in the strength of God?

6) Read John 3:14-16 and Song of Solomon 2:4. How do these passages encourage you today as you face your current battles?

7) Read and reflect on Exodus 14:14. In what way are you trusting God to fight for you and our church family? Choose to worship God and “raise your hallelujah” as a declaration of your trust in God’s strength on your behalf.

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