

# **AKA – BANNER**JEHOVAH NISSI – The Lord Is My Banner

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE [ ]
<b>Exodus 17:8-16</b>
<b>Exodus 6:6-8</b>
JEHOVAH-NISSI: The LORD is My <u>Banner</u>
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## Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: AKA - God Has A Name For Every Situation

Message: Part 2 - Banner Speaker: Dean Orrell Date: February 13, 2022



## Connect (20min)

\*If helpful, break into groups of 3-4 or men & women to share and pray for Connect.

#### 1. OLYMPIC ASPIRATIONS

- a. If you had the ability, what is one Winter Olympic event you would like to compete in?
- b. If you had the opportunity, what is one Winter Olympic event you would like to witness in-person?
- 2. OPEN UP I Read Psalm 20:1-5. Respond with Praise to God & Prayer for One Another.

## Message Discussion (45min)

#### 1. AKA – ALSO KNOWN AS

\*Does your first or middle-name have a specific meaning or story behind it? Share with the group.

#### 2. WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

- **a.** Have you ever experienced something that has incredibly low "odds" of happening to most people? e.g. hit by lightning, caught in a tornado, being or having twins, winning the lottery, saved by CPR, found a four-leaf clover, got food-poisoning, family member lived to 100, attack by wild animal, being ambidextrous, opening a double-yolked egg, house burned down, been in a plane crash, catching a foul baseball, born with extra fingers/toes, became famous...
- **b.** What's one of the craziest "what are the odds" things that has happened to you?
- c. How do you typically respond when "the odds are stacked against you"?

#### 3. WAVIN' FLAG

- **a.** Flags & Banners play a significant and visible role throughout history, including today. Why do think this is true for human history past & present?
- **b.** What are some places and situations where *flags & banners* play a significant role in our world? List as many as you can think of.
- c. Have you ever had a flag or banner in your home or on your property? Share the significance for you.
- **d.** Have you ever visited a historical monument for a specific reason or used a flag or banner at an event? Briefly share your story.
- e. Besides the Canadian Flag, what is one national flag that you really like, and why?
- f. Does waving a country's flag make you a citizen of that nation? What does make a you a citizen?

#### 4. AKA: JEHOVAH-NISSI -- (Hebrew: יהוה נְסִי Yahweh nissî) -- The LORD My Banner

- - i. What do you learn about GOD and the meaning of Yahweh-Nissi through this story?
  - ii. Where was this Nissi established? (In the wilderness, in battle) How is this significant?
  - **iii.** What do you learn about people/us from this story?

- b. What do we learn about Moses' faith through this story?
  - i. It was Visible How so? ii. It Wasn't Solitary How so? iii. It was Honouring to God How so?
- c. What is the significance of Moses' Staff?
- d. Read Exodus 6:6-8. How is this earlier promise echoed in Exodus 17...?
- e. How is this story in Exodus 17 an example of Intercession (e.g. Intercessory Prayer)?

#### 5. JESUS IS JEHOVAH-NISSI

- Read John 3:14-17 again, John 16:33, Romans 8:35-39.
- a. How has Jesus/Yeshua become our Nissi our flag, our banner, our altar, our focus & rallying point?
- **b.** How does *His Banner* encourage, equip & empower you?

## **Application & Prayer** (15min)

"Stuff in life can get so confusing that we don't know whether we're coming or going. We don't know whether we're in or out, up or down – it gets crazy sometimes. We need a standard outside of ourselves that can tell us what is real and what is not. We need something outside of us to help us interpret reality and makes decisions. We need an objective standard that isn't tied to our emotions, thoughts or desires. That standard is Jesus Christ. He is our banner.

Before you give up, look up. Fix your eyes on Jesus, your Nissi. Your victory has already been won. He has made us more than conquerors regardless of what life brings our way." – Dr. Tony Evans

#### **WORD UP THIS WEEK**

• Read, Pray & Memorize John 16:33 this week.

**PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER:** Break into groups of 3-4 or Men & Women for Prayer

- In response to the message, discussion and scripture...how can we Pray for you today?
- Share & Pray for one another.

Lord, help us to recognize the spiritual warfare around us and to be aware of the enemy's battle tactics. Give us the strength to fight while flying Your banner over it all in victory. King Jesus, You are our Jehovah Nissi, and we thank You for the brothers and sisters who will raise Your banner with us. This victory belongs to You and we lift Your Name high in the face of both physical and spiritual attacks from satan. You have sovereign authority over all. Thank you that we can follow You with full assurance. Amen.

#### **RESOURCES**

Commentary: www.gotquestions.org/Lord-is-my-banner.html. www.gotquestions.org/Jehovah-Nissi.html

YouTube Songs/Videos: \*Jehovah Nissi – Nathaniel Bassey \*Names of God – Jehovah Nissi

Books: <u>The Power of God's Names</u>, Tony Evans. <u>The Names of God</u>, Ann Spangler. YouVersion Bible Plan: <u>www.bible.com/reading-plans/2026-100-names-of-god</u>

<sup>\*</sup>God's faithfulness in your past will bring strength to your present and hope for your future.