

•10So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword. 14Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." 15And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord Is My Banner, 16saying, "A hand upon the throne of the Lord! The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

Exodus 17:10-16

•Many of us have thrown our hands up in frustration, desperation, celebration.

•Hands go up to show surrender and to halt.

•We raise our hands to hurt.

•Out there it might have different meanings. But in here.. It's worship!

•You might not be a dancer. Singing may not come easy.

•But if you can lift your hand- in here- it's a universal symbol of surrender, devotion, worship, blessing and praise.

•A Working Def.- Worship happens when I place my minds attention and my hearts affection on the Lord in response to who He is and what He's done.

☑ Pastors/Leaders who aren't engaged in worship

•Here's a pastor (Moses) who's engaged in the warfare.

•Worship is WAR!

•Pastors, you're the primary worship leaders at your churches.

•*"Well, I have to wait until the atmosphere is conducive to my anointing!"*

•WHY DON'T YOU SET THE ATMOSPHERE!

• They might be leading worship from the stage. But, God has called Pastors to lead from the crowd!

•Pastor's- don't let your mind become so occupied with what you're called to do—preach—that you lose sight of what you have been created to do—worship.

•**Moses took it to the top.** He raised his hands so that everyone could see that This Battle is not YOURS. It Is The Lords!!!

•**Moses was showing them- God's Got This!**

•*Plane from Hawaii- Looking for the Flight Attendant*

•**That rod said- we've been here before!!!**

☑ **Worshippers who aren't engaged in the Word**

•The warriors rejoice to see what's in the hand of their Pastor

•Whenever He's holding up the "Rod of the Lord" the people are prevailing.

•**I Love Worship!**

•But it concerns me when all we want to do is run after worship conferences with no Word.

•**That Rod, The Word, Is what's giving power to your worship.**

•You might have a tank loaded with artillery, But without the WORD you've got no gas to drive that tank.

•Whenever there is a Pastor, holding up the Word, preceded by the Worship, the enemy WILL BE DEFEATED!

•~ **Here's the BIG IDEA...**

•**Just because you stop singing doesn't mean you stop worshipping.**

☑ **"Church People" Who Don't Worship.**

•The doorway of the enemy's attack was ungratefulness and dishonor. *Water...*

•**Those 2 things will cause you to say- God is not among us!**

•Be careful what you say in the dry times of life. The enemy is listening!

•You might be going through something bad today... But if you just take a moment, you can think about something that God has done that is GOOD!

☑ **Worship Precedes Victory**

•***10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek.***

•Israel has inherited a family feud.

•They are the descendants of Esau.

•Jacob and Esau

•Esau hated Jacob because Jacob keeps getting what he wanted.

•~ **Here's the BIG IDEA...**

• **You've inherited a fight!** *Amalek didn't attack from the front. From the back where the women and children were.*

• **The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.**

• **Satan hates you because you got what he wanted!**

• Whenever you worship you're reminding Him I got the favor you wanted. I got the power you wanted. I got the authority you wanted!

• **This is why he fights worship! Worship reminds him of what he lost!!!**

• **Praise is EXPRESSIVE!**

• You can't think praise. **YOU HAVE TO EXPRESS IT!**

• Jesus never got emotional. But everyone He touched did!

• **Boots or no Boots- Story of man in church.**

• When they tell me to be quiet I'm just going to get louder.

• Those hands showed a dependance on God to give them the victory.

✓ **Throw Your Hands Up**

• **Moses/Aaron/Hur**

• **Hands Up= They prevailed / Hands Down= They were overcome**

• **Praise= Victory / No Praise= Defeat**

• **His hands got tired- Sometimes you get tired.**

• **What do you do when your praise gets tired?**

• You've fought all week. You've even thought "is my praise doing anything?"

• This is why I do what I do.

• This is Why they do what they do.

• **We're here to help you Lift your hands!**

• **15And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord Is My Banner, 16saying, "A hand upon the throne of the Lord!"**

• **I believe there is victory in the house if we can get people hold up some hands.**

• **Whenever I lift up, God sends down!**

• **I'm not just giving up something down here. I'm laying hold of something up there.**

• *What area of your life do you need to throw your hands up for?*

• *Who do you need to throw your hands up for?*