

VICTORY THROUGH DEPENDENCE

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Exodus 17:1-16 (NASB95)

1. DEPEND ON GOD IN YOUR NEEDS.

Exodus 17:1–16 (NASB95) ¹Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, **and there was no water for the people to drink.** ²Therefore the **people quarreled** with Moses and said, “Give us water that we may drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? **Why do you test the LORD?**” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and **they grumbled against Moses** and said, “Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, “What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me.” ⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶“Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, **saying, “Is the LORD among us, or not?”**

2. DEPEND ON GOD IN YOUR BATTLES.

⁸Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim. ⁹So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.” ¹⁰Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses’ hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set. ¹³So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

3. DEPEND ON GOD FOR THE VICTORY.

¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” ¹⁵Moses built an altar and named it The LORD is My Banner; ¹⁶and he said, “The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation.”