

Understanding the Battle

Text: Exodus 17:8-14

We live in one world with two realms - the physical (natural) and spiritual. You cannot separate the two.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
Ephesians 6:12

There are three things that we should not forget in this spiritual war:

IN THIS SPIRITUAL WAR, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT DIFFICULTY IS INEVITABLE

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. So, 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." Exodus 17:8-9

Enduring faith, strength, and wisdom for trials are best developed before they are needed.

IN THIS SPIRITUAL WAR, LET'S NOT FORGET WHO THE ENEMY IS

So, Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill. Exodus 17:10

Our enemy is the SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL behind all things that oppose our God.

Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

IN THIS SPIRITUAL WAR, LET'S NOT FORGET WE NEED HELP

As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up--one on one side, one on the other--so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So, Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. Exodus 17: 11-13

The more spiritual any war is, the more likely we are to get tired in it.

Jesus is both to us:

- He is our Joshua, the Captain of our salvation, fighting our battles.
- He is our Moses, constantly making intercession to the Father so that our faith doesn't fail.