

GOD'S SUPPORT TEAM

EXODUS 17:8-16

WHAT DRAWS ATTENTION TO YOUR SERVICE?

- Intro:
1. What gets us noticed for the first time in the Lord's service?
  2. Hur and Joshua are noted for their opposite services that lead to ultimate victory.
  3. While both were supporters of God's leader, Hur stood beside Moses while Joshua stepped forward for Moses. Exodus 17:8-16 illustrates our need to fight life's battles on both supportive and aggressive fronts.

Prop: **You must Live As Victors!**

### I. By Taking Your Appointed Place (17:8-10).

1. Amalek = grandson of Esau (Gal.4:22-29→of the flesh)  
v.8, "fought" = to feed on/consume (Gal.5:16,17)  
v.9, "Joshua" = Yeshuah = Jehovah-saved (Matt.1:21)
2. When we get where God wants us, we are noticeably key to the success of God's work.
3. The Church is Jesus' building-Mt.16:18-Ac2:47-1Cor.1:2;12:28
4. "Places Everyone!" went the call from the drama director. And that meant that even though I knew other characters, I stepped to my spot as police officer in the high school play.
5. Friend, to live with any sense of victory and satisfaction in this battle of flesh and spirit, will you surrender to a place of service and serve faithfully in the local church.

### II. By Carrying Out Your Appointed Task (17:11-13).

1. V.11, "prevail" = to be strong (Eph.6:10ff)  
v.12, "stayed up" = sustain (Matt.26:41)  
v.12, "one side..other side" = lit. united (John 17:11)  
v.13, "discomfited" = prostrate/overthrow
2. Unity means we accomplish a common task with equal effort.
3. Unity in Prayer, Acts 12:12—we need to pray together  
Unity in Worship, Matt. 18:20; Acts 2:44; 20:7  
Unity in Service, 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 3:9
4. When a building goes up, electricians, carpenters, plumbers and architects all work with the same expertise and effort.
5. Folks, it's time for your firm, devoted and strong effort to go forth in your area of service to see results in God's work.

### III. By Remembering the Battle is the Lord's (17:14-16).

1. "put out" = to stroke, rub; erase (Psalm 1:6)  
Jehovah-Nissi = The Lord – My BANNER (Solom.2:4)
2. If you know you are on the winning side, the burden of service becomes joy of salvation.
3. Matthew 12:20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.  
1 Corinthians 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.  
1 Corinthians 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?  
1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.  
Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.
4. When a national flag has been raised on the battle field, possession is declared and victory is imminent.
5. Will you, dear friend, wave your victory flag every day with a prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to service till Jesus comes!

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