

When the Odds Are Against You

Jehovah Nissi = “The Lord is My Banner”

📖 Exodus 17:15 (NIV84) “Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner.”

📖 Romans 15:4 (NIV84) “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

THE ENEMY

📖 Exodus 17:8 (NIV84) “The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.”

📖 Exodus 17:16b (NIV84) “The Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”

📖 1 Peter 5:8–9 (NIV84) “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

THE STRATEGY

📖 Exodus 17:8 (NIV84) “The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.”

📖 Deuteronomy 25:17–18 (NIV84) “Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt. ¹⁸ When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and cut off all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God.”

- The enemy attacks me when I am **weak**.
- The enemy attacks me when I am **tired**.
- The enemy attacks me when I am **alone**.

📖 Isaiah 40:29 (NIV84) “He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”

📖 Exodus 17:9 (NIV84) “Moses said to Joshua “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.”

THE VICTORY

📖 Exodus 17:10–13 (NIV84) “So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² 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. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.”

📖 Deuteronomy 20:4 (NIV84) “For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.”

THE MEMORY

📖 Exodus 17:14–16 (NIV84) “Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” ¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner. ¹⁶ He said, “For hands were lifted up to the throne of the Lord. The Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”

📖 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NIV84) “For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

Digging Deeper: What area of your life is most susceptible to enemy attack? When Satan plans his attack on you, does he assume you will be depending on God or that you will be fighting on your own? Do you find that you make most of your mistakes when you are weak, tired, or alone? Can you give an example of a time when adversity brought out the best in you OR someone you know? Who do you have in your life that will come along side of you and support you? --Have you thanked him or her recently? Describe a time in your life when the odds were against you, but God came through for you. Is God, like a banner, lifted up in your life?

