

## Study It continued...

What were Moses' instructions to Joshua (17:9)?

What role in the battle did each person play (17:10-13)?

- Joshua
- Moses
- Aaron and Hur

Who won the battle?

What did Moses name the altar he built (17:15)?

## Get It

What kind of courage did Joshua need to obey Moses?

How did Aaron and Hur come alongside to help Moses?

How does our enemy (the devil) oppose us as Christ-followers?

What lessons do we learn from this passage that can be applied to the ministry of prayer?

Why is it critical for us to stand with each other in prayer in the face of life's circumstances?

## Live It

What battle are you facing that requires intercessors to stand in prayer with and for you?

Who will you enlist to pray with and for you?

When will you meet to pray for each other?

## Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge

*The Prayer Force*

Ephesians 6:10-20

Sunday, June 2, 2019

## Sermon Proposition

You should join forces in prayer for three reasons.

## God Commands Us to Stand Against the Enemy Together

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> 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 6:10–12 (NIV)

## God Equips Us to Stand as a Fighting Unit

*Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*

Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)

## God Calls Us to Wage War through United Prayer

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.*

Ephesians 6:18–20 (NIV)

## Discussion Guide

*"Winning through Prayer"*

Exodus 17:8-16

*The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. <sup>9</sup> 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."<sup>10</sup> So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup> As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. <sup>14</sup> 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 name of Amalek from under heaven."<sup>15</sup> Moses built an altar and called it *The LORD is my Banner*. <sup>16</sup> He said, "Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the LORD, the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation."*

Exodus 17:8–16 (NIV)

## Open It

Share an occasion when someone stood with you in facing a bully or difficulty.

## Study It

In the story of God's people when did this attack take place (Exodus 17:1-7; Deuteronomy 25:17-18)?

Why do you think the Amalekites attacked the people of Israel in the wilderness?