**“Fighting the Enemy to Win!”**

**(Exodus 17:8-16)**

**As part of God’s training regimen for Israel in the wilderness, they are attacked by Amalekites! They’re trying to derail Israel’s quest to follow God. Four observations from this passage will help us have victory over temptation and stay on track for the Lord.**

 **I. A Sudden Attack (8)**

* **Timing of Attack**
* **Type of Attack**

 **II. A Strategic Plan (9-10)**

* **Joshua’s Role**
* **Moses’ Role**

**III. A Steadfast Victory (11-13)**

* **Moses’ Victory (11-12)**

**Humble Hands; Heavy Hands; Helping Hands; Hopeful Hands**

* **Joshua’s Victory! (13)**

 **IV. A Sacred Remembrance (14-16)**

* **A Written Memorial (14a)**
* **A Spoken Memorial (14b)**
* **A Visual Memorial (15-16)**

**Lessons for the Battlefield of Life:**

* **Watch!** (Matt.26:41; 1 Peter 5:8)
* **Attack!** (WORK)(Eph.6:11-12, 18; Rom.13:14)
* **Rehearse!** (WORSHIP) (Is.11:10; Jn.3:14; 12:32)

 *(i.e. Jesus is our ensign/banner/lifted up One)*

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 **Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Read Exodus 17:8-16. What enemies do we face in the Christian life?**

 **How do they attack? When are we most vulnerable?**

**2. Why was Moses’ plan for the counterattack so good? Which battle was**

 **more intense - on the mountain or on the battle-field? Why are both**

 **important for victory? Who is responsible for your spiritual victories,**

 **you or God? Consider Philippians 2:12-13; Ephesians 6:10.**

**3. Why are the “Aarons and Hurs” (support people) so important to the**

 **work of the church? Who are some Aarons and Hurs at Cornerstone for**

 **whom you are thankful?**

**4. Why did the Lord want a written memorial of this event? Why did Moses**

 **build an altar after this event? What are some ways to make sure we**

 **don’t forget important victories in our Christian lives?**

**Digging Deeper**

**1. Israel defeated the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16), but later lost to them**

 **(Numbers 14:39-45). Compare the two passages and jot down reasons**

 **for the different outcomes. What can you learn from this?**

**2. Prayerfully read Galatians 5:16-26. Ask God to show you areas where**

 **you may be weak and vulnerable to temptation/sin. How will you make**

 **these areas stronger to resist temptation? See also Ephesians 6:11;**

 **1 Peter 2:11.**

**3. For Mar 18, read Exodus 20:1-17, and memorize the 10 Commandments.**

 **Jot down your thoughts, observations and questions about this passage.**