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Exodus 17:2-4

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

- As we look at the culture and disposition of the children of Israel, they are in the mindset of being able to manipulate God to appease their every whim and desire.
- It is the same way a child uses his emotions and desires to move the parent to attend to his or her desires.
- Children at a very early age learn the strategy of pouting, certain cries, and attitudes that parents are sensitive to.
- At what point is it that it is a real need or a desire that is just based on the fact that the child has learned to be a spoiled brat.
- Have we made the mistake of trying to move God with our tears, emotions, and physical antics, thinking that it would impress God and get him to move based on our emotional temper tantrums?

Exodus 17:8-16

8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

Exodus 17:8-16

12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 And the LORD SAID unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

Exodus 17:8-16

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi:

16 For he said, Because the LORD HATH sworn that the LORD WILL have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

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- Here, God introduces the children of Israel to warfare and an opportunity to face a fierce battle against their enemies.
 - We need to see the lesson that God is trying to teach us in the battle rather than the enemies we face.
 - God can easily fight the battle on behalf of Israel. He can defeat them without an army if he chooses. He could have even destroyed them with a blink of his eye, but he is using the battle to teach us a lesson.

1. He is teaching us that it is through unity that we can defeat our enemies. We can't afford to fight each other and defeat our enemies.
2. You can't defeat your enemies by yourself, it takes everyone.
3. God has an order. We must operate in that order and stay in tight formation being under authority in order to be in authority.
4. God honors his delegated authority. The support of leadership is to support the cause of God.
5. The leader cannot win the battle without the support of the people who follow him.
6. Moses had the rod, Aaron and Hur had Moses hands, and Moses sat on the rock so that the people can get the victory God provided for them.

Exodus 17:14-15

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- Then God says, write it down for a memorial, an honor, a celebratory moment and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua.
 - Make sure you rehearse it in the ears of Joshua and the people who are down in the valley focused on the work and war.
 - Tell the story and tell it over and over and over again. God says and I will remove the memory of your enemies from under heaven.
 - Here Moses built an altar and says that God is revealed as Jehovah-Nissi, that God is the banner over our community.

John 12:30-31

30 Jesus answered and said, **This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.**

31 **Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.**

John 12:32

32 **And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.**

John 3:14

14 **And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:**