

Message Series: Names of God

Message Title: The Lord is my Banner

Key Scripture:

Exodus 17:8-15

8Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. 9So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." 10So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

14Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

15And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner, 16saying, "A hand upon the throne of the LORD! The LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

Message Summary

The Lord is my Banner - Banners denote which side we are on. When we choose to follow Jesus, we enter into a cosmic battle between God and the devil, but Banners also show whose protection you are under - and Jesus already has the victory!

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship - experiencing healthy relationships with other people

If Aaron and Hur held up Moses arms, whose arms are we holding up - and do we need others to hold up our arms? Can we share difficult times with each other and pray for each other through them?

Discipleship - growing in Christ both in thought and deed

Are we always aware of the Spiritual Battle we are in? Do we sometimes suffer for 'meddling' as 1 Peter 4 says? How do we know when we are facing spiritual opposition?

Ministry - Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

Do we find difficulty or resistance when we try to step out and use our abilities in God's kingdom - can we pray for one another to be more effective in what God has called us to do?

Evangelism - Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

Can we commit to praying for those we know who don't know Jesus this week? Remember its a spiritual battle!!

Worship - Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

What battles do we need to keep lifting up before the Lord in prayer? The battle belongs to Him!