

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Exodus 17:8-16

- We are rescued into a BATTLE. 17:8
- We must FIGHT the battle, but the battle does not DEPEND on us. 17:9-10
- The battle depends on the One who STANDS before God for us on a HILL with ARMS outstretched. 17:10-13
- We need to REMEMBER our dependence on the Lord amidst the battle. 17:14-16

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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Do you think of the Christian life as a battle? Why or why not? What about it is similar to a battle?
2. What enemies do we face as Christians (see John 15:18-19; Eph 6:12; Rom 6:12-13)? Which of these seems most threatening to you? Why?
3. What does the battle metaphor teach us about our lives as Christians (see 1 Tim 1:18-19; 1 Tim 6:12; 2 Tim 2:3; 2 Cor 10:3-6; Eph 6:13-18)? Other passages?
4. Read Exodus 17:8-10. What does it look like to “get in the battle” of the Christian life? What does it look like to be in a battle without realizing it? (see Ps 42:1-2; Phil 3:8-11; 3:12)
5. Read Exodus 17:9-11. What does the staff of Moses represent? What does this teach us about our battle as Christians?
6. What's the difference in fighting *for* victory or fighting *from* victory? How does this change the battle? (see Heb 7:25; Heb 12:1-2)
7. How has Jesus accomplished victory (see Col 2:15; Gal 6:14; Rom 6:6)?
8. Read Exodus 17:13-16. What is the significance of a banner? How does it impact your life to know that the Lord is your banner?

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