

Title: Battle Tested

Text: Exodus 17:8-16

Target: What God declares over you is always greater than what will come against you.

- I. **The Beginning of the Battle:** *"Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim."* (17:8)
 - A. **In Exhaustion**
 - B. **After Victory**
- II. **The Blueprint for the Battle:** *"So 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.'" (17:9)*
 - A. **Above the Battle:**
 1. **Importance of Intercession:** *"stand"* (Vs. 9a)
 2. **Power of God:** *"staff of God in my hand"* (Vs. 9b)
 - B. **Belief in the Battle:** *"Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed."* (17:11)
 - C. **With you in the Battle:** *"But 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."* (17:12)
- III. **The Banner for the Battle:** *"And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord Is My Banner,"* (17:15)
 - A. **Identifies Us:** Who We Belong to!
 1. **Directs Us:** Where We Go to!
 2. **Unites Us:** Who We Stand next to!
 3. **Focuses Us:** Who We Look to!

Takeaway: When Christ reigns over you, you won't fear what's before you.