

Up From Slavery

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FACING FREEDOM:
SOMEBODY HELP THE BOY
EXODUS 17:8-16

Exodus 17

⁸ The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.

⁹ Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.”

¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

¹² When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands

remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”

¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. ¹⁶ He said, “For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD. The LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”

Where are the Amalekites today?

- Cultural battles – Romans 12:1-2
- Interpersonal conflicts -
- Spiritual warfare – Ephesians 6
- The inevitable sufferings that accompany life in a fallen world

Lessons regarding conflict from Moses

1. The need for perspective
2. The power of a leader's prayer
3. The need for a team
4. The power of modeling
5. The necessity of memorializing

To Go . . .

- Are you willing to ask for help?
- Who do you trust to come to your aid?
- How do you memorialize the work of God in your life and share this knowledge with the generations that follow.