

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. How do you respond when you see someone who is tired and struggling?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. What is one characteristic of Moses that you relate with personally?
3. How is God using you, right now, despite your weaknesses? How has God revealed his strength to you through those weaknesses?
3. Read Exodus 15:22-27 and 17:1-7. What similarities and differences do you see between these 2 passages?
4. As you look at our world today, are we much different from the Israelites?
5. The Lord gave the Israelites every reason to trust in Him completely, but they still blamed Moses and they tested YAHWEH multiple times...Do you think this is due to their lack of faith, or is this human nature? How should they have responded to the lack of water?
6. What does Moses do in verse 4? What does that show you about Moses's faith?
7. How does God respond to Moses in verses 5-6? What does God tell Moses to take with him?
8. What is the significance of the staff? How else has God used the staff in Moses' life?
9. Many scholars believe that the "Rock at Horeb..." is the same location as when God appeared to Moses at the burning bush. Why do you think God would bring Moses back to this same location and perform this miracle there?
10. Read Exodus 17:8-16. Who does Moses choose to be the leader of the army?
 - a. This is the first time we see Joshua in scripture...His birth-name in Hebrew is HOSHEA: means "Salvation" but God gives him a new name... JEHOASHUA: means "Yahweh is Salvation".

- b. Joshua didn't have much experience in battle, and neither did any of the Israelites, but God just needed them to be willing.
11. In verses 10-13, how does God use Joshua, Moses, Aaron and Hur?
12. How did God use Moses even though He felt exhausted?
13. How did Aaron and Hur support Moses?
- Have you ever had an Aaron and a Hur in your life? How did the Lord use them to lift you up?
 - Have you ever been an Aaron and a Hur? How did the Lord use you?
14. Do you know someone who needs their arms raised up right now because they are in a battle, and they are exhausted?
15. As you look at this story...which person do you relate with most right now?
- Joshua: On the battlefield, fighting a battle?
 - Moses: Praying, but you feel completely exhausted?
 - Aaron and Hur: Supporting someone who is tired, worn out?
16. How can we, as a small group, lift up your arms right now? How can we be praying for you?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "ONE OF THE MISTAKES WE MAKE IS THINKING LESS OF OURSELVES BY FOCUSING ON OUR FLAWS...GOD KNOWS YOUR FLAWS, BUT HE FOCUSES ON YOUR POTENTIAL TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR HIM."
- "God will sometimes allow things to get bad enough that we will be forced to look up. Victory always begins with a cry for help. When we come to the end of ourselves and cry out for help, amazing things happen." - Beth Moore
- "The reason many fall in battle is because they wait until the hour of battle. The reason why others succeed is because they have gained their victory on their knees long before the battle came." - A.W. Tozer
- THE BATTLE YOU ARE FACING BELONGS TO THE LORD