

...There the LORD will display his glory, the splendor of our God. <sup>3</sup>With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you.”

Isaiah 35:2b-4 (NLT)

And the Lord said to Moses, Write this for a memorial in the book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens.<sup>15</sup> And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord is my Banner; <sup>16</sup>And he said, Because [theirs] is a hand against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

Exodus 17:14-16 (AMP)

### **Additional Notes:**

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live...Since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want mostly is for men to pray—not shaking angry fists at enemies but raising holy hands to God.

I Timothy 2:1-3; 8 (MSG)

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*I have called upon You every day, O LORD;  
I have spread out my hands to You. Psalm 88:9b (NAS)*

### **Three Questions:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is in your \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Then the LORD asked him, “What is that in your hand?”

A shepherd’s staff,” Moses replied. Exodus 4:2 (NLT)

And take your shepherd’s staff with you, and use it to perform the miraculous signs I have shown you.” Exodus 4:17 (NLT)

So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey, and headed back to the land of Egypt. In his hand he carried the staff of God.

Exodus 4: 20 (NLT)

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ do you \_\_\_\_\_ for?

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. <sup>9</sup>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.”

Exodus 17:8-9 (NIV)

Rephidim = “rest” or “stays” - resting places

Amalekites = “descendants of Esau”

Never forget what the Amalekites did to you as you came from Egypt. <sup>18</sup>They attacked you when you were exhausted and weary, and they struck down those who were straggling behind. They had no fear of God.

Deuteronomy 25:17-18 (NLT)

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

Exodus 17:10-11 (NIV)

*I lift my hands to you in prayer.*

*I thirst for you as parched land thirsts for rain. Psalm 143:6 (NLT)*

*I cry out to God; yes, I shout. Oh, that God would listen to me! <sup>2</sup>When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord. All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul was not comforted. <sup>3</sup>I think of God, and I moan, overwhelmed with longing for his help.*

*Psalm 77:1-3 (NLT)*

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## 3. Who do you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself with?

Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset. <sup>13</sup>As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.

Exodus 17:11-12 (NLT)

**“Whatever affects the intensity of our praying affects the value of our work.” E.M. Bounds**

**The victory was not won by \_\_\_\_\_ alone, nor was it won by \_\_\_\_\_ alone.**

Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>3</sup>I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. <sup>4</sup>He is a master craftsman, expert in working with gold, silver, and bronze. <sup>5</sup>He is skilled in engraving and mounting gemstones and in carving wood. He is a master at every craft!

Exodus 31:1-4 (NLT)

So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. <sup>22</sup>Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. <sup>23</sup>Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

Numbers 27:18; 22-23 (NAS)

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Hold out toward Ai the javelin that is in your hand, for into your hand I will deliver the city.” So Joshua held out toward the city the javelin that was in his hand.

<sup>26</sup>For Joshua did not draw back the hand that held out his javelin until he had destroyed all who lived in Ai.

Joshua 8:18, 26 (NIV)

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*Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. <sup>24</sup>Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup>And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

*Hebrews 10:23-25 (NLT)*

*And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood. <sup>m16</sup>And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.*

*I Samuel 23:15-16 (NIV)*