



STUDY GUIDE

MY NAME IS GOD: Week 8 3.30.14

[WARM-UP]

Life is a spiritual, emotional and mental battlefield. What has been one of the most grueling or difficult battles that you have been through?

How did you sense God's presence and/or power in the midst of that battle?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

Read the main passage of Scripture from this last weekend's message - Exodus 17:8-16.

If you were to capture the meaning of this account in one word, what word comes to mind?

This passage refers to the name of God as "Jehovah Nissi" - the Lord is my Banner. This name of God is not as obvious as the Lord is my Peace (Shalom) or the Lord is my Provider (Jireh). What is the meaning of this name and what does it teach us about God's character? The following verses can give more insight:

Ps. 60:4-5 Zech 4:6 Eph. 6:10

Does the encouragement, motivation, and realization of God's willingness to deliver us and resource us translate to instant victory in our battles? What are the different ways victory can look in the wars we wage in life? How is victory in the Lord experienced for those who have Chronic issues and trouble?

Their critical action to victory in this account was Moses trusting in God and interceding on behalf of the people. How have you seen trust in the Lord and intercession bring victory in your battles? What was the key to the victory in this account?

Moses dealt with fatigue. When he lowered his arms, they lost ground. What do you experience when you start to fatigue spiritually in your zeal for the Lord and prayer life?

Aaron and Hur came along to share in the burden of lifting the arms of Moses. Who have been the Aaron and Hurs in your life? How have you been an Aaron or Hur to others?

How does this account in Exodus along with other Bible verses parallel how Jesus Christ is our banner? (Num. 21:7-9, Isaiah 11:10, John 3:14-15)



[LIVING IT OUT]

In Exodus 17:14, 15 Moses was told by God to write down the victory as a reminder and he also build an altar to remember that it was the Lord who brought victory. How have you recorded or memorialized times God has been your banner and supplied victory?

If you journal, take some time to pull out old journals and read through them. This is taking a tour through times of experiencing God as your banner in the past, it gives you confidence and trust in your God for the present and future. If you don't journal, grab a journal now and begin. You can record this passage, these notes and capture the victories that God has given you over the years.

Like Moses, perhaps you can build an "altar", something physical and write "Jehovah Nissi" on it to remember the victories God has given you. An example would be a big piece of wood or a rock that you write specific victories on, and occasionally find yourself grabbing a Sharpie pen and adding more over the years.

This may feel funny at first, but I encourage you to close this time by raising your hands up like Moses did, and pray over the battles you are currently fighting and to intercede in prayer for those around you or those you are aware of for the battles they are fighting.