

THE HANDS IN YOUR HAND

Exodus 17:8-16

**Whose hands have you been holding?
What hands are holding you?**

I. A CRISIS SITUATION (8-12a)

A. DANGER (8)

1. An unprovoked attack ... on unprepared people
2. A surprise attack ... from some of their own lineage
3. A ruthless attack - See Deut. 25:17-18

B. RESPONSE (9-10)

1. The plan (9)
2. The implementation (10)
3. An observation: There is a combination of personnel, power and prayer here

C. UNCERTAINTY (11)

- The outcome was not clear even though each one was doing his part

D. REALITY (12a)

1. Moses gets tired
2. If everything depends on one person the outcome is often questionable:

II. THE HAND-HOLDING TEAM (12b-16)

- When the threat of danger comes, we need someone to hold our hand!

A. SUPPORTING HANDS (12b) > Aaron and Hur

1. Consider the team
 - a. Who is Hur?
 - b. Most effective leaders have great teammates - See Col. 4:7-17
2. Note that Aaron and Hur were there before they knew they were needed (10)
3. When action was needed, they knew what to do!
4. Moses did not reject their help or deny his need
5. They never tried to usurp the leadership

B. SERVING HANDS (9-10, 13-14) > Joshua

1. Taking orders (9)
2. Taking charge (10)
3. Taking victory (13)
4. Taking instruction (14)

C. SOVEREIGN HANDS (15-16) > Jehovah Nissi

1. Moses' claim: "The-Lord-Is-My-Banner"
2. Moses' altar: Calling attention to God
 - a. The altar is a public and permanent reminder of God's power and calls for His praise!
 - b. This is not about Moses or Joshua or Aaron or Hur ... this is about God
 - c. When you hold hands with God - You take no credit!
3. Moses' proclamation: God will never be at peace with the Amalekites

CONCLUSION**With whom will you hold hands?**

- Moses doesn't need you today but others do!
- What about your family, neighbor, coworker or pew-partner?

1. Someone may need your hands of support to hold them up
2. Someone may need your hands of service to help them overcome
3. All of us need God's sovereign hands for which we are grateful and give Him glory