

When Odds Are Against You

“Knowing God Deeper” part 10

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Yahweh Nissi = **The Lord is our ...**

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹Moses 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.”

¹⁰So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. Exodus 17:8–10 (NIV)

As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

¹²When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. Exodus 17:11–13 (NIV)

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered ...” ¹⁵Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner. ¹⁶He said, “For hands were lifted up to the throne of the Lord.”

Exodus 17:14–16a (NIV)

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After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to make war on Jehoshaphat. ²Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom ...

³Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. 2 Chronicles 20:1–3 (NIV)

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For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us.

2 Chronicles 20:12a (NIV)

3. T _____

We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.

2 Chronicles 20:12b (NIV)

How To Pray When The Odds Are Against You

- **Re ...**

Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard ⁶and said: “O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.” 2 Chronicles 20:5-6 (NIV)

- **Re ...**

O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel ... 2 Chronicles 20:7 (NIV)

- **Re ...**

O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you. 2 Chronicles 20:12 (NIV)

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After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness ... saying: “Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.” 2 Chronicles 20:21 (NIV)

As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. 2 Chronicles 20:22 (NIV)

The fear of God came upon all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. ³⁰And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side. 2 Chronicles 20:29–30 (NIV)

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This Week's GPC Discussion Guide:

Welcome to the last week of our 10 week study and discussion based on our current Sunday series at GPC called, "Knowing God Deeper".

Each week we have reflected on one of the names of God found in the Old Testament. Each of these names are windows into an aspect of God's character.

The more we understand God's character, the deeper we can know God personally, increase our trust in Him and experience His peace.

It is our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build authentic friendships.

Each week, we have been using the same set of questions as we focussed in on the ten different names of God that have been the focus of this series.

Getting Started ...

In the last seven days or so, what has encouraged you (big or small) that we can rejoice with you over? ... and / or ...

What has challenged you, stretched you, possibly brought some discouragement your way (big or small) ... that we can offer our support and prayers for each other?

Quick Review ...

In this week's description of God, we reflected on how our God is Yahweh Nissi which means "The Lord is Our Banner".

From the passages and insights that were shared on Sunday, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

Digging Deeper:

What does God being described as Yahweh Nissi mean to you personally?

Has this characteristic of God brought encouragement to you in the past? If so, when? How did it impact you?

What thoughts came out of that experience?

What are some feelings, thoughts, questions or possible struggles that surface in you as you reflect on this description of God?

What do you think God wants you to remember and live in light of about this particular description of God?

What are the needs and desires this description of God might meet in your life if you were fully able to embrace its truth in your heart?

As we wrap up another small group season, how has being a part of our small group stretched and/or supported your maturing relationship with God?

Praying Together:

Let's be sure to spend some time sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.