

# How To Face Struggle

## Part 1

<sup>8</sup>*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.”* <sup>10</sup>*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.* <sup>12</sup>*When 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.* <sup>13</sup>*So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.* <sup>14</sup>*Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”* <sup>15</sup>*Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.* <sup>16</sup>*He said, “For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD. The LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”* (Exodus 17:8-16)

Struggles will come into our lives and God will allow that to happen for a certain purpose that God wants us to achieve. Therefore every day is a challenge for us to live our lives to God and to take our stand and do what is right and just.

In the above chosen Scripture as we read, there was an invasion and attack from the Amalekites toward the Israelites, who responded favourably to that threat and successfully passed that challenge by observing the following:

**1- Facing the challenge:** Challenges and troubles will come in our lives, we need to face them and not to quit or escape the challenge. Don't be like an ostrich that will hide its head in the ground when it faces threats. The Israelites faced the challenge of the Amalekites, they went and fought, and they overcome. You do the same, face the challenge and don't escape, trust the Lord; He will enable you to do that.

**2- Face the challenge with the right person:** Moses spoke the matter with Joshua because he is Moses' aide, and he is a man of faith and have obedient heart to the Lord. For every struggle there is a right person for a right reason that God wants you to approach to let the problem solve.

**3- Face the struggle with faithful people:** When the Amalekites invaded the Israelites Moses spoke to Joshua about the matter and commanded him to do the following, **“Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites.”** God called us to work with faithful people, those who are obedient to the Lord and faithful toward his word. **“He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.”** (Proverbs 13:20) If you chose to go along people who are smart but are not faithful to God, and you are relying on their power, or authority or because they are smart, then be sure that you will not be able to overcome the struggle. Such kind of people they will use wrong ways to solve the problems like bribe, fraud, telling lies or cheating and the Lord will not bless you if your path will deviate to such ways.

**4- Face the struggle by lifting your hands to the throne of God:** Moses said to Joshua, **“Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.”** We face struggles through prayer. We go and face the struggle, as well as we sit down and pray. Some will go and face the struggle, while the others will back them in prayer. The word of God teaches us the following, **“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”** (Hebrews 4:16)

**5- Face the struggle with the power of God:** The meaning of what Moses said, **“the staff of God in my hands”** That was the same hands and staff that Moses used in bringing the plagues on Egypt, in removing the plagues and in dividing the red sea and prepare the way for the Israelites to be delivered. Moses was depending on the power of God. And here today we have the Holy Spirit that the Lord had given us. The Holy Spirit is God, and as we are filled with the Holy Spirit then God with us, and we rely fully on Him as we face our struggles.

**6- Face the struggle and overcome with persistent prayer:** **“As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.”** You need to be alert and continue to pray, even when things are going well continue to pray because the attack is not yet finished and it will continue because our enemy is the devil who will continue to attack us till the Lord will come and take us with Him. So even in time of peace be discerning and continue to pray so that enemy will not be able to prevail again. Therefore, **“pray continually.”** (1Thessalonians 5:17) and **“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.”** (Ephesians 6:18-19)

**My Dear and Beloved:** Some people they said we are praying and the things are not getting well so why we are praying? But the thing here is that without prayers struggles will become worse. Our persistent prayer is so important, sometimes we will not see the effect of our prayers at once but later on the effect will be clear. May be the effects of our prayer will extend to our children and the next generation. Moses wrote, **“The LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”** The effect of Moses prayer extended to many other generations. The same for us the effect of our persistent prayer will extend to the next generations.

**My Prayer:** *Father God in heaven, I come before you in Jesus name who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for reminding me of your ways so I will know how to face struggles in my life. Lord I commit myself to work and cooperate with the right people and be persistent in prayer and fully relying on the Holy Spirit. Lord I lift up my hands to you, uphold me Lord with your grace and fight for me, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*