

# How To Face A Struggle

## Part 2

<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)

Struggle it could be a continuous problem like finances, people dispute, work issues, family struggle, land or estate settlement, etc, and these could continue for long time. Here the message will help us and show us how to face and overcome as we continue to meditate on the above passage:

**7- Face the struggle with willingness:** Moses was willing to continue to pray. Even when he was tired God made a way for him to sit down on a rock and two others will support his hands. What we conclude here that if you are willing to obey God’s instruction then God will make a way for you to continue to obey Him and get delivered.

**8- Face the struggle with perseverance:** The word of God tells us that Moses’ *hands remained steady till sunset*. For certain struggles that you will face in your life, or the church will face, perseverance is needed till the attack is over. Some time us loss battles because we are not persevering to the end. Therefore as Moses’ hands remained steady we need to continue to be steady. *Revelation 2:10* tells us the following, *“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.”* Certain times the battle is furious but we need to persevere and to the end. After we win then we can get time of rest and refreshment.

**9- Face the struggle with persistency:** Persistency in our Christians life is needed. Some people today they are warm and active and tomorrow they are cold and inactive. Or today they are fresh and encouraged and tomorrow they are frustrated and discouraged. One thing you must know and keep: Don’t allow circumstance and event to control you and manipulate your life, and don’t go along your emotions or the feelings of your heart this will not help you to overcome. Focus on God and on His word and promises and walk in His ways and sure you will overcome.

**10- Face the struggle with a team work:** Aaron and Hur supported Moses and helped him to keep his hands raised up to the throne of God. As a church everyone should do his responsibility toward God and his contribution to the church, the body of Christ. The attitude of carrying each burden and unity should be there. *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”* (Galatians 6:2) As well as the word of God

teaches us the following: *“<sup>12</sup> The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”* (1Corinthians 12:12-27) As you are placed in a church, open your problems to the church leaders and ask them council and an advice. They will sure contribute wisely and actively in your life to overcome your struggle.

**11- After overcoming the struggle write down your testimony to encourage others:** *“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.”* The Lord commanded Moses to write what had happened to be remembered, so that the next generation will read and know the ways of the Lord and how they will face and overcome struggles in their lives.

**My Dear and Beloved:** God said to Moses *make sure that Joshua hears it*, Joshua is the one who will enter and lead the people into the promise land. And we are Joshua generation that will enter the Promised Land, the eternal life that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord, and we are the one to lead others to enter eternal life. So let us take heed of the message and put it into practice, in overcoming struggles and in achieving to God what he wanted us to achieve for His glory as we agree to pray.

**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 your clear word to me, Lord I accept the challenge that you place ahead of me when you called me to serve you and live my life unto you. Lord build up my faith on your words and on your ways, help me to persevere in prayer, and to put my hand with right and faithful people to serve you. Lord I commit myself and I am willing to contribute to the church, your body, whatever you would lead me to do. I commit myself to walk in your ways and to lead others to walk in your ways and to have eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.*