

CHRIST OUR BANNER

Exodus 17:8-16 // June 8, 2025 AM

I. We are *weak in ourselves*.

II. We are *strong in our Sovereign*.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why do we tend to grow spiritually careless and self-sufficient when life is going well? How does this help us understand God's wisdom in ordaining trials in our lives?
2. Israel is still in Rephidim (v. 8). What test had they faced here already, and what test do they face now?
3. Who are the Amalekites? How does God's initial gospel promise in Genesis 3:15 help us to understand what is happening here?
4. In what ways does this battle reveal Israel's weakness and the weakness of their mediator? How does it apply to us?
5. Why is Moses raising his hands, and how does it relate to the name he gives the altar?
6. If God's throne was against us in our sin, how can it be for us now? How does this help us to understand the role of Moses in this story?
7. Why does God will throughout all of redemptive history to show His power in human weakness?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Why is a trial-less wilderness more spiritually dangerous for me than a trying one? How has God used trials in recent months to humble me?
2. Pastor Nick keeps referring to the history of Israel as "a living catechism." Do I agree with him? Why, or why not?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. How does this shed light on the application of the account in Exodus 17:8-16? Am I learning to boast in my weaknesses, or do I still tend to boast in my strengths?