

OBEDIENCE IS A WEAPON

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Exodus 17: 8-11

When people are going through spiritual warfare, they do not consider obedience to be a weapon. In actuality, **OBEDIENCE** is one of the most effective weapons a person can use during battle.

The weapon of obedience really becomes effective when you are in the position of **HELPLESSNESS**. When you are outnumbered and outmatched **OBEDIENCE** to God becomes your greatest resource and weapon.

Have you ever wondered why you were positioned as the helpless victim in times of warfare? Have you wondered why you were placed in can't-win situations? God allows you to go through trials when you do not have the upper hand so you can learn how to utilize the weapon of obedience.

WINNING WITH OBEDIENCE

In Exodus 17:8-11 says, *"At Rephidim the Amalekites came and fought the Israelites. So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men and go and fight the Amalekites.*

Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill, holding the walking stick of God in my hands."

Joshua obeyed Moses and went to fight the Amalekites, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held his hands up, the Israelites would win the fight, but when Moses put his hands down, the Amalekites would win."

The Israelites were not strong people. Keep in mind, these Israelites were not warriors. They were slaves. They had no resources, no armor, no training and they were not fighters. They fought a group of people who were more equipped to fight than they were.

The Israelites did not win the battle because of their strength. They won because of their **OBEDIENCE** to

God. As long as Moses kept his hands raised to God, the Lord was guaranteeing the Israelites victory. However, if Moses would have put his hands down the Amalekites would have won.

GOD FIGHTS YOUR BATTLE WHEN YOU ARE OBEDIENT TO HIS INSTRUCTION.

Moses said it best. Exodus 17:16 says, *"Moses said, "I lifted my hands toward the Lord's throne. The Lord will fight against the Amalekites forever."* The Lord did not allow the Israelites to win the battle because of skill, intellect, strategy or ability. They won because of **OBEDIENCE** to God.

If you are in warfare and your skill, intellect, ability and resources are not serving you well, you might be using the wrong weapon. The weapon of the **HELPLESS** is **OBEDIENCE**. Not strength!

When your enemies are stronger than you, submit yourself to someone who is stronger than them...**KING JESUS**. You will face giants in this life. During that time you are going to have to utilize the weapon of obedience. To utilize the weapon of obedience there are things you will have to do.

1. **HEAR** the Lord's voice.
2. **BELIEVE** what He told you to do.
3. **FOLLOW** the Lord's instruction.

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