

The Name

Part Three: Yahweh-Nissi
Exodus 17:8-16

Launch

Have you ever been in a physical altercation? (Anything from a fistfight with a playground bully to wrestling with a soccer mom over the last cheap iPad on Black Friday.)

Explore

Read the passage

Why did the Israelites only prevail when Moses lifted up his staff? What did that represent? What other events happened involving the staff? (See Ex 7:10, 20; Ex 14:16, 21-22; Ex 17:5-7)

What important roles did Joshua and Hur play in the battle?

How does naming the altar “The LORD is my Banner” reflect Moses’ perspective?

Apply

The fate of Israel depended on the intercessory prayers of Moses. Do you pray with this level of fervor, realizing that prayer makes a difference?

When was the last time God allowed you to encounter a situation that was more than you could handle, a battle you couldn’t win on your own? What are you currently battling that makes you say, “I can’t do this”?

Yahweh-Nissi means “The LORD is my banner.” (A banner is the symbol of victory.) How has your dependence on God brought you victory?

Pray

Pray that God would make us more and more dependent on his provision. Pray that we’d be able to honestly say, from personal experience, “Yahweh-Nissi, The LORD is my victory!”