

"Two Sisters" Pt 4

"Distractions"

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(REVIEW) Ex 17:8-18:1 Amalek wants to fight

(HISTORY)Amalek is from *Esu* - so these are relatives- More problems from own family.

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

When Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Jehovah-nissi: (*banner, flag, signal*)

So what was happening upon the hill determined what was happening in the battle.

St: The battle was being won or lost by what was happening on the hill not what was happening in the natural but the spiritual.

When his arms got heavy and came down Amalek prevailed - "Evil prevailed"

Notice - what was going on (in the valley) Or in the natural did not determine the outcome or the victory in the battle but the spiritual.

But here is the problem - "What happens when the spiritual begins to get heavy?"

How did Moses solve the problem? "He got two brothers"

Aaron and Hur put a stone under him (*their ministry was foundational to victory)

Their job was to not allow the heaviness of the spiritual to weigh down his arms.

The dependence of God must be held up.

The spiritual connection with God must be maintained.

That's why God wants every Christian to be a part of a local church, not just so you can come and sit, soak, and sour weekly.

Not just a song, and a sermon weekly - you can do that at home

The reason the Lord wants you connected to a local body is so you are connected to a Aaron and Hur - - We need one another. We are family.

"Some people who will hold you up when you get tired-

"People who will lift you when you want to throw in the towel"

"Someone in your ear telling you keep your hands up, Keep looking unto Jesus !

Keep on praying Keep on reading, keep on confessing the Word, keep on standing!

You need someone in your life that will keep your hands God-ward

Why? - sometimes things get heavy. -

We need one another to help keep our hands out-stretched toward the Lord.

To be and to stay God focused and not become problem focused.

What does it mean - "When things get heavy in the spiritual" "I don't want to read my Bible" "I don't feel like praying" "I don't want to go to church"

St: Understand this - If you don't keep your hands up on the mountain - you lose in the valley, It doesn't matter how skilled you are in the valley - if you lose the spiritual connection on the mountain -everyone loses. Mountain top and valley both lose!

We all need people around us who will keep you Spirit focused, who will keep us connected to heaven. We need some Aaron and Hur's in our life.

St: When you lose contact with the spiritual you become defeated in the physical.

We all need people who will hold our hands God-ward during tough times.

St: *Now you need to know this - Amalek* was not all there was to the problem - it wasn't just the people... It was *the evil of the people* -so your problem in the natural, is not all there is to your problem. - it goes much deeper than just the way things appear!

St: If all you see is the natural side of your problem then you are not seeing all that there is to be seen.

St: If the problem is wrong than there evil connected to it- trying bring about a greater work of destruction in your life.

(TEXT) Luke 10:38-42 38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village;(Bethany- it's close to Jerusalem) and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was ***distracted** with much servicing, and she approached Him and said, "**Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.**" 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are *worried and *troubled about many things.** 42 But one thing is **needed**, and Mary has chosen that **good part**, (what was the "good Part" ? vs 39 Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word) *which will not be taken away from her.*"

Def: **Distracted** - OT:6323 pwn (poon); root meaning to turn, i.e. **be perplexed:**

Ps 88:15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted. KJV

(TEXT) Mark 4:13-20 13 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? 14 The farmer **sows the word**. 15 Some people are like seed along the **path**, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. 16 Others, like seed sown on **rocky places**, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

(Distractions) 18 Still others, like seed sown **among thorns**, hear the word; **19** but the

(1) **worries of this life**, the

(2) **deceitfulness of wealth** and the

(3) **desires for other things** come in and **choke the word, making it unfruitful**.

20 Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop-thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown." NIV

Reference (Isaiah 55:11) say the word will not return void-

St: We chose how effective the Word is in our lives.

{Col 3:1}

(TEXT) Col 3:1-7 1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things **above*, (*an-o* -upward or high up- on the top) where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on **earthly things* (soil). 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. NIV

Def: Set Your Affection - NT:5426 *phroneo* (fron-eh'-o); **to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain** or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV - set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think.

Romans 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity [at odds, hostile] against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

AMP Romans 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and ^[a]pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and ^[b]seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit. ⁶ **Now** the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that ^[c]comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]. ⁷ [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not **submit** itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot. ⁸ So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him. ⁹ But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the [Holy] Spirit of God [really] dwells within you [directs and controls you]. But if anyone does not possess the [Holy] Spirit of Christ, he is none of His [he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of God].

Message Romans 8: ³⁻⁴ God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son. He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all. The law code, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that.

The law always ended up being used as a Band-Aid on sin instead of a deep healing of it. And **now** what the law code asked for but we couldn't deliver is accomplished as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us.

⁵⁻⁸ *Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored. ⁹⁻¹¹ But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's! ¹²⁻¹⁴ So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!*

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(TEXT) Josh 1:8 *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, **(Why?)** that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: **(Why?)** for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

Def: Mediate -OT:1897 hagah (daw-gaw') to murmur, to ponder: KJV - *imagine, meditate, mutter, roar, speak, study, talk, utter.*

Keeping our lives God ward - Speaking His words, Thinking His thoughts.

Keeping our hands lifted toward heaven ,

Keeping our hearts and minds thinking and meditating on spiritual things causes us to be successful.

This is how we win the victory in our lives

This is how we overcome evil in our lives, and in the lives of others.

Psalms 119:9& 10 "*Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.*"

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