

"Two Brothers"

"Why partnership is so important"

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(TEXT) NIV Eph 4:11-16 *11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

(vs 16 Amp) *16 For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.*

(vs 16 NLT) *16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.*

(TEXT) Ex 17:8-18:1 *8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. 10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 And it came to pass, 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. 13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. 14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. 15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it **Jehovah-nissi**: (banner, flag, signal) 16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. KJV*

Amalek is from the decedents Esu - so these are relatives- -

"doesn't it seem that most of our troubles come from our own family?"

Moses just solved one problem and here comes another one - isn't that just like life.

Just one bill paid off and something else goes crazy

Just get some peace of mind at work finally and you and the wife have a disagreement.

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

1) Moses told Joshua -you go fight (Natural Battle)

I will go stand on the hill with the rod of God in my hand (Spiritual Battle)

"Joshua you go deal with what we need to in the natural" -"I'll go tend to the spiritual"
The rod or staff, was the rod of God - it was the object that the Lord used to deliver all of Israel out of captivity -it was a piece of wood. a stick.

This rod was sanctified by the Lord.

This rod or staff had just given them the Israelites water from the rock just a few verses ago.

Holding up this rod was saying "I'm dealing with this in the spirit realm." "You go deal with this battle in the natural" "You do the natural I'll go deal with the supernatural."

Which one is more important? Are not both needed.

You can't just go to the mountain top and only deal with this in the spirit - there still must be a part of dealing with this enemy in the natural too. One without the other will not work alone. they are both necessary.

Just praying about your problem usually will not solve it entirely - you may still need to some things in the natural -

"Lord, bless me with a job, - I need a job Lord. - but don't you know you still need to fill out some applications - make a resume, get up and be diligent in looking for a job. Prayer - spiritual - applications natural - both are needed.

Now can He do without you- Sure - so why not? He chooses to not to = The Lord loves working with us. **2 Cor 6** says "we are laborers together with Him."

Can we do it without Him- - some try, some have varying degrees of success but if they Commit their ways to the Lord and then do their part the success will be sweet.

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

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

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2) Notice that just what was going on in the natural did not determine the outcome or the victory in the battle.

What Moses was doing on the hill -in the spiritual was determining the outcome of the victory in the natural. - Israel prevailed.

The Spiritual begin to get heavy

I don't want to read my Bible - I don't feel like praying
what did he do to solve this problem

He got two brothers - their job was to not allow the heaviness of the spiritual to weigh his arms down.

The dependence of God must be held up. The spiritual connection

That's why God wants every Christian a part of a local church. not just you can come and sit soak and sour weekly - not just a song and 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- some people when you get tired will lift you - when you want to throw in the towel. - someone in your ear.

The reason you need someone in your life that will keep your hands God-ward is sometimes things get heavy.

There are times when you don't want to read your bible you don't to pray you don't want to come to church,

but look if there were not Aaron if there were no Hur - things got too heavy - and he dropped - everybody lost. Amelek or evil prevailed.

That's way so many -Divorce-they don't have another couple close to them- to speak into their life and lift them up. not close enough to let someone else hold their hands up you can't be so self centered, self independent, you got to let someone else hold your hands up.

St: "I'm my own man, I can take care of myself and you won't let anybody hold your hands up"

If you don't keep your hands up - you loose in the valley, it doesn't matter how skilled you are in the valley - everyone looses.

You need people around you who will keep you Spirit focused, who will keep you connected to heaven.

St: When you loose contact with the spiritual you become defeated in the physical we all need people who will hold your hands god-ward during tough times.

The rod of God represented divine authority divine activity, God is present.
represented the spiritual

Amelek was not just the people is was the evil of the people
- so your problem is not in the natural

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

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

St: Amelek -is any force of evil that is preventing you from achieving the purposes of God

Which One Are You?

Am I called to lead or to follow?

Do you have a vision from God to change your world?

If not than you are to help another man complete his vision he has from the Lord.

2 Chron 16:9 *For the eyes of the LORD run (travel) to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong (to fasten upon, to be strong, courageous, Strengthen, cure, help, fortify, repaired, amend, to encourage, help, Maintain, behave valintly) in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. KJV*

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