

Connection

Do you have a favorite name of God? Why is it special to you?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

Jehovah Nissi: "The LORD is my Banner"

As God led the Israelites in victory in battle against the Amalekites, Moses honors God with the name **Jehovah Nissi**, which means the LORD is my banner. Read the account in Exodus 17:8-16.

The LORD's desire is to kill self-sufficiency

1. A banner can unite a group of people for movement toward a cause. In the battle between the Israelites and the Amalekites, what was the banner that united the Israelites?
2. A banner reveals allegiance. What did the Israelites' banner reveal about them?
3. How did God break the illusion that the Israelites were in control of the battle? How has God broken an illusion of control in your life?
4. How did the Israelites show they were easily derailed in the battle?

5. What things in life easily derail you from a daily dependence on God? List them below.

The LORD's desire is to make us wholly dependent on Him

6. Jesus says this of Himself in John 15:5: "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. *For apart from me you can do nothing.*" In what areas of your life do you struggle to be wholly dependent on God?

7. Read Exodus 17:12-13. How did Moses get through to the end of the battle with victory?

8. What can you take away from the example of Moses, Aaron, and Hur in how you can be a part of others' victories in the battles of life?

9. Reread Exodus 17:14-16. What is your banner, your allegiance?

10. How can you hold your banner high for the others to see and bring praise to God?

Commitment

God wants you to be wholly dependent on Him. Write a sentence below, declaring what you will do this week to be dependent on God alone.

I will _____.

 **Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.**

Share your story with someone who needs to see what having an allegiance to God looks like. Ask Jehovah Nissi, the LORD is my Banner, to provide hands to hold you up as you do His will.