
BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS



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Tonight's Journal entry...

Exodus 17:8-16

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 Jehovahnissi:

¹⁶ For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

1. *The Battle is Physical*

Someone once said “You’re either coming out, going in or in between battles in life. True story! And if anyone knew that it was the children of Israel. Sometime they brought it on, and sometimes it was just because they were the children of God. And neither of those made it an easier ordeal. Although it’s easier for me to take when I know it’s self-inflicted. After all, I brought that on myself. But when I’m trying to live right and still get battled from within and without, it’s good to have friends that I can count, that I can physically go to to lift me up in prayer, allow me an ear to bend and a shoulder to cry on, or jump in and help me fight the battle. Joshua was Moses’ go to guy. He sent him into the battle to fight in the literal sense. There is work to do on the mission field of life and quite often it’s a struggle. The fellowship of not just acquaintances, but genuine friends of faith, to get in the trenches with you and take some of the commitment on themselves and invest of their own time and effort means so much! It’s when you know that you are as important to them as they are to you.

2. *The Battle is Spiritual*

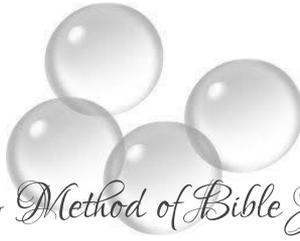
While Joshua was battling hand to hand, Moses and his help were battling with their hands in the air. And not like those in the “Home” movie, like they just don’t care. Theirs was a heavy handed battle in the spiritual realm. I can imagine the wickedness in the spiritual realm as the demonic forces were pressing down on Moses’ arms, knowing that he was there on the mount doing what God had commanded him to do. I’m sure they rejoiced as they watched him grow weary and his arms tire. They see his struggle as the enemy would increase when his arms lowered. But then came Aaron and Hur to hold his arms steady and place a rock beneath him for him to set his tired

body on. Wow--... is that not Christian friends in their finest hour. They lift us up and remind us that we are all seated on the Rock of Christ Jesus! Victory is on the horizon with friends like that!

3. *The Battle is Continual*

Life is not for the faint at heart. I was reminded of that this entire weekend of serving God for right and wrong reasons. I'm ask to sing quite often, and I want to sing more often than that. Singing is fun, usually. And then other times it's nauseating because I can get in the flesh and fears come upon me and it's as if I'm having to draw a sword and fight off the demons of Hell the entire time I sing. That is not so fun. They mess with my head, cause me to doubt myself, cause me to look at the people and not the purpose, I lose the blessing and Heaven knows what I sound like! It doesn't end when I'm of the stage. I second guess why I do it, I wonder if the audience just didn't care or I just didn't get it. Music sounds so trivial in comparison to the battle field that Moses and Joshua was on, and what many, many others who are suffering on the earth are battling. But it's still a battle. And the battle that I fight when I sing is why I know that the battle of Moses was fierce. But it's feels very physical.

Singing is often times the boost, or shot in the arm of a child of God that encourages them to go one step further in the battle. That's why I believe that Satan won't allow us to do it without messing with our heads. Not just singing, but Christian service of any shape or form is a battle ground. Christian friends are the Aaron and Hur's that hold up leaders and the body of Christ and they are as vital to the battle as the warriors on the field. We shouldn't forget the power of friends... we ourselves or those we have...



The Soap Method of Bible Journaling:

Scripture ~ Write the verse that is the focus.

Observation ~ Write down 1-2 observations from that Scripture passage. What do you hear God saying to you?

Application ~ How does the passage apply to you right now in your daily life?

Prayer ~ Write a prayer based on the passage.

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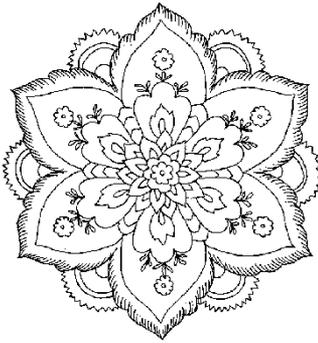
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Praying in Color:

Consider each blossom as a place in your life that you need God to plant and grow His goodness and blessing for great things to happen.

Color & Pray!



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