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**The Lord is Our Banner**  
**Exodus 17:8-16**  
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**Introduction:**

**Banners; we all love to see cheerful, bright, and encouraging banners. On both sides of this stage today are two banners that encourage “Generosity”. The banner of generosity is a banner that should fly regular and high in the life of every believer.**

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Randy Alcorn:  
“When you read about Amalek, he is always found inside the camp of Israel. That confirms that all of us have an enemy inside us called the flesh. The Christian has three enemies; the world, the flesh, and the devil. Amalek is anything that blocks you from doing the will of God in your life.”

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I. The Cry of Battle

**Exodus 17:8 (ESV) Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim.**

Takeaway:

In the Bible Amalek always represents the flesh. Not physical flesh, but that sinful inward nature we are all born with.

I am of deep conviction that the greatest enemy I have isn't the devil, it's my flesh. Neither the world nor the devil can get to me unless they go through my flesh.

Takeaway:

After every blessing comes a battle. You can rest assured that there is a new fight around every victory. New levels of ministry always bring new devils of attack.

II. The Choice of Men

**Exodus 17:9 (NKJV) And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand."**

Key Principle:

The battle is either won or lost on our knees.

Takeaway:

We cannot shift to God what belongs to us, but likewise you cannot shift to you, what belongs to God!

For the last two years we have focused on a specific theme of ministry here at Clements. Discipleship, generosity, and as you already know our 2015 overall theme will be on prayer. That's why I believe the Lord allowed Sherry and me the opportunity to view the prayer ministry of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church last week while on vacation. I sat in utter conviction, as I knew our church wasn't the praying church that it should be. I sat in utter conviction, as I knew that I wasn't the praying pastor I should be. However; by the grace of God, I will lead Clements to become a better church in the area of prayer. And I will not wait until next year to do it.

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Randy Alcorn:

*“Far too many of God’s people are content with halfway victories. We don’t mind hanging around with a little bit of evil, or we don’t mind if we give it visitation rights from time to time. The problem with evil, though, is that visitation rights soon become squatters’ rights, and soon we’re faced with a full-fledged war.”*

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Samuel M. Zwemer:

Missionary to the Muslim world, used to call prayer "the gymnasium of the soul."

John Bunyan:

“In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without heart. To put your full heart into intercessory prayer will cost you, but it will also bless you.”

### III. The Crowning Banner

Exodus 17:14 (ESV) Then the LORD said to Moses, Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.