

**STRENGTH IN THE
MIDST OF WEARINESS**

Exodus 17:8-16

THROUGHOUT THE EXODUS OF GOD'S PEOPLE:

- God proves continually that he is their salvation, their **deliverance**.
- On their way to the Promised Land, God's people encounter various problems they **cannot** solve.
- Though God's enemies are many and God's people are weak, God is strong and faithful to fulfill his **promises**.

**GOD SECURES OUR VICTORY IN
THE STRENGTH OF UNITED FAITH**

GOD SECURES OUR **SALVATION...** (V.14-16)

- In raising the staff heavenward, Moses was expressing **faith** that God would work another miracle (Cf. Exodus 4:2; 7:20; 8:17; 17:5-7; Numbers 20:8, 12).
- By calling out to God, Moses led the people to acknowledge that they could not win the war solely by the **sword** (cf. Eph 6:12).
- Jesus is the **better** Moses (Deut 18:15; Heb 3:3-4).
- God calls each of us to look to the **cross**, where Jesus was lifted up and all men would be drawn to him in faith (cf. John 12:32)
- The **cross** lifted up is the certain and unwavering sign of God's victorious presence and power in our lives.

...IN THE STRENGTH OF UNITED FAITH (V. 8-13)

- This is faith that **works**, using means of grace in obedience to God (James 2:18)
- Even heroes of the faith like Moses get **tired** (v. 12)
- We each experience different seasons of **giving** and **receiving** support.
- God's people demonstrate that we are stronger **together** (Ecc 4:9-12)
- 59 commands in the New Testament to "one another" demonstrate God's design for **togetherness** in the local church.
- As we give and receive support, we point each other to **Jesus**, who became weak in our place so that we would have strength.