

VISION: to reach nations and generations through disciple making, leadership development, and church planting

CORE VALUES: to have a passion for Jesus, to serve people, to walk with firm held belief, and to pursue our purpose in Christ

We are trusting God as a family to grow in:

Prayer

Worship

Community

Witnessing

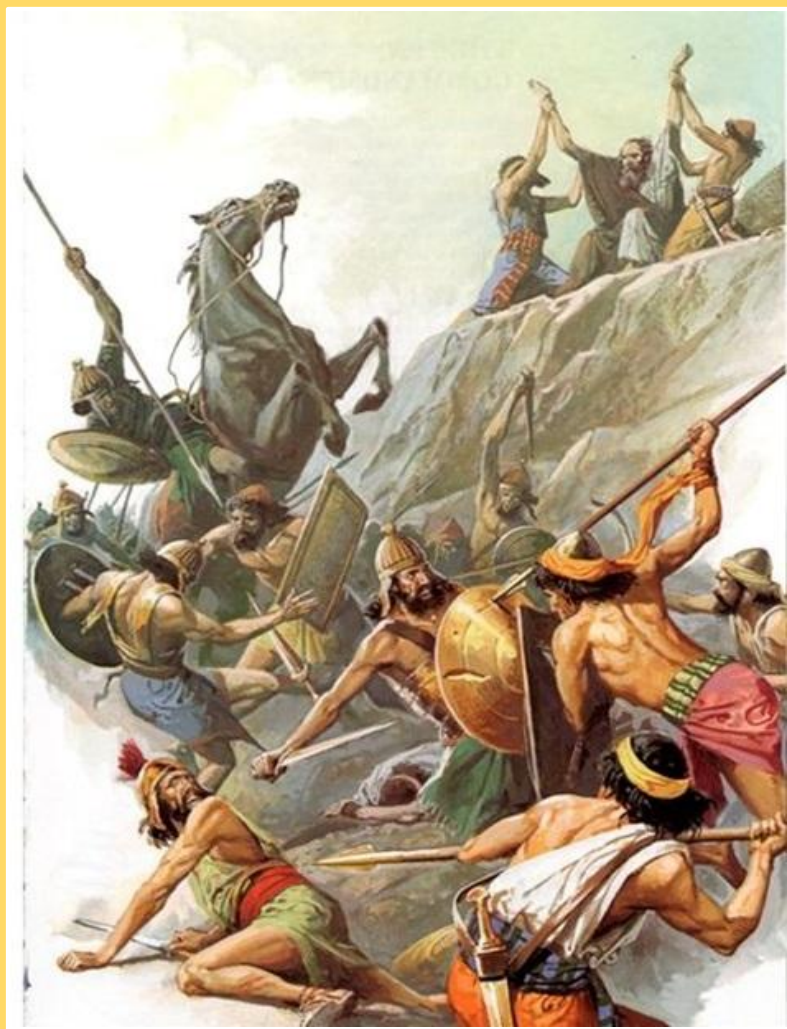
Giving / serving

Ex17: 8-13,15

Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 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.” 10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. 15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner;





CULTURE:

- the ideas, customs, and behaviour of a particular people.
- those things we say and do without even thinking, because it so much a part of who we are
- You can't win the larger culture by losing your own. **Kevin de Young**

Moses

- WHO: overall shepherd and leader of Israel
- He sent Joshua to fight a battle, to do the dirty work, yet he didn't leave him alone.
- Rod = instrument of divine power, symbol and affirmation of God's authority

Aaron

- WHO: he was the first High Priest
- When the battle was on, he wasn't too busy with his nose in deep philosophical, theological study
- He was present and it was not beneath him to do the humble physical task of holding up his stuttering brother's arms

Hur (* interesting facts for the day)

- WHO: a chief assistant to Moses and Aaron
- Grandfather of Bezalel who was one of the two men who built the tabernacle.

Joshua

- WHO: assistant and later successor of Moses - first appearance as leader of a volunteer army
- He had a readiness to run into battle upon the order of his leader
- He finally conquered and persevered to victory

CONSIDER THE DEVASTATING POTENTIAL OF **A CRITICAL SPIRIT AND OFFENCE**

- *A critical spirit never builds.*
- *If your faith is grounded or rests upon a mere man, your eternity is unsure.*

Numbers 11:1 (NKJV)

11 Now *when* the people complained, it displeased the Lord; for the Lord heard *it*, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the Lord burned among them, and consumed *some* in the outskirts of the camp.

- **God does not like complaining**

Philippians 2:14-16(NKJV)

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, **15** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life**

- **Not being critical is a testimony to the world; in our words there is living giving potential**

Proverbs 15:23 (NKJV)

23a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

Romans 12:3-10 (NKJV)

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same **function**, **5** so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. **6** Having then **gifts differing** according to the grace that is given to us, ***let us use them:...*** **10** ***Be kindly affectionate*** to one

Corinthians 14:26 (NKJV)

26 How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. **Let all things be done for edification.**

As family we need to grow in
TRUSTING one another as well as in
being **TRUSTWORTHY**.

CHURCH = IMPERFECT PEOPLE **BEING**
PERFECTED...

Who finally brought the victory.....?



The Lord is my banner!

:reminder of the **King**
whom we follow

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.