

WITHOUT GOD IT WILL FAIL

I. Check-In

- Check in. How is everyone doing? If you went to Large Group on Sunday, what was your takeaway?

II. Scripture

Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. 9 Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some men for us and go fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I’ll stand on top of the hill with the shepherd’s rod of God in my hand.” 10 So Joshua did as Moses told him. He fought with Amalek while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel would start winning the battle. Whenever Moses lowered his hand, Amalek would start winning. 12 But Moses’ hands grew tired. So they took a stone and put it under Moses so he could sit down on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on each side of him so that his hands remained steady until sunset. 13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his army with the sword.

Exodus 17:8-13

V. Prayer Requests

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. Challenge

In the SermonCast, Pastor Fernie and Katie mention their own stories of seeing God move and finding hope in the fact that without God all things eventually fail or fall apart. . Share with your group some of the ways that you too have seen things succeed only because God wasn’t present.

III. Discussion Questions

- What initial thoughts do you have about this scripture?
- What are some ways that we can “say goodbye” as we enter into this season of transition at Mid City Church? Aka - what things do you believe would be helpful in assuring that Mid City Church “outlives us when we are gone.”?
- The Amalekites end up becoming a major enemy of the Israelites in today’s scripture. But it wasn’t for anything recent. Pastor Fernie mentioned that **Genesis 36:12** tells us that the Amalekites are descendants of Amalek who is the grandson of Esau. Based on the explanation mentioned in the sermoncast, what difference does this knowledge create for your understanding of the ongoing conflict between the Amalekites and the Israelites?
- Scripture tells us that as long as Moses help his hands up towards God, the Israelites kept winning. How could Moses’ actions have been inspiring for Joshua and his men as they went to war?
- The challenge is to trust that God can do something beautiful, even in the face of circumstances that may say otherwise. What does living into this challenge look like for you?