Supernatural: POWER

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Derek gave 4 things to remember from **Exodus 17:8-14** as we face battles in this life.
   1. Nobody escapes battles
   2. You have enemies to fight (the flesh = sin; the world = thoughts/actions/ideas opposed to God; the Devil)
   3. Life’s battles are physical and spiritual
   4. Supernatural power is available for your battles.
3. Who is the enemy that comes against the presence of God in your life? Derek reminded us to never assume that what we see, hear, read, or do glorifies God. Never assume that conventional wisdom is God’s wisdom. Read **Ephesians 6:10-18.** How do we ready ourselves for battle?
4. In Israel’s battle with the Amalekites Moses stayed on top of the hill with his staff raised in his hands, praying. “Israel learned that they could not conquer the enemies of this world by sword alone, but by the power of God through prayer.” Read **Ephesians 6:18a** again**.** What battle are you trying to fight alone?
5. “Moses doesn’t win that battle…In your own strength, you won’t win the battles of your life either.” Read **Romans 8:11**. Where is our power found? Have you experienced that power in your life? Where do you need that power now?

**Next Steps:**

1. In **Exodus 17:14** Moses builds an altar and calls in Yahweh Nissi- The Lord is my Banner. Whose banner are you under? Are you fighting under your own strength or His? Fight (Pray!) under His!
2. Learn to Walk in His Power: cultivate His presence (the Word, prayer, fasting); add action to your faith; passionately pursue your spiritual gifts

**Prayer Thought: “Prayer is not preparation for the battle- prayer IS the battle!”** –EM Bounds

Lead your group in battle this week! Have them write down the battle they are in and the enemy they are facing. Then, together, invite the supernatural power of God into the natural through prayer- silent or aloud. Encourage your group to lift their hands as they pray.

(Bonus: Before your group meets, check out Derek’s blog on prayer at whoisgrace.com/blog)