



“Upping” Your Leadership Game

Exodus 17:8-10 (NIV)

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.” ¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.

1. Great leaders have a proper vantage point.

- Your vantage point allows you to see clearly and for God to be seen clearly!

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Exodus 17:11-13 (NIV)

As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

2. Great leaders realize prayer is a matter of life and death.

- Pray like history hangs in the balance! (Colossians 4:12)

Prayer doesn’t eliminate the fight; it just paves the way for victory.

3. Great leaders prioritize community.

- It is not enough to have deep commitment or deep convictions, you need deep connections found in community.
- Community alters history.

Exodus 17:14-16 (NIV)

*Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven.” ¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it *The Lord is my Banner*. ¹⁶ He said, “Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”*

4. Great leaders raise a banner not a fist.

Raising a banner means:

- * I live under His authority.
- * I fight for His kingdom.
- * I praise Him for His victories.

Exodus 18:17-18 (NIV)

Moses’ father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.

5. Great leaders are teachable.

- You, like Moses, are wrong about something. (Proverbs 16:25)