**Pastor Demetric Felton November 13, 2022**

**Pledging Allegiance to Jehovah Nissi**

Exodus 17:8-16

**Key Truth:** Every battle we face belongs to God, so we must confidently approach every conflict under the Lord our Banner, Jehovah Nissi.

**What’s This Story All About:**

1. God wanted to remind Israel that He alone could defeat

 their enemies and give them victory.

2. Israel needed to choose whose identity, authority, and

 allegiance they were living under.

**Experiencing Jehovah Nissi:**

1. Remember, battles are a part of the Christian life.

 Ephesians 6:10-12

2. Understand the battle belongs to the LORD.

3. Every Christian is called to the battlefield.

4. We are called to prayer in winning the battle.

5. In battle, we don’t fight alone.

 A. There is no such thing as a lone ranger Christian.

 B. There are times when we get tired and need others to

 come alongside to strengthen us.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Praise and thank God that we have not been left to fight our battles alone. Ask God to surround you with other believers who will help you maintain your trust in Jesus.

**Connection Group Study Questions:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

When was a time when you were overwhelmed by an obstacle that was bigger or stronger than you?

Did you have assistance in overcoming the obstacle? If so, how did that assistance benefit the outcome? If not, how might assistance have altered the outcome?

Read Exodus 17:12-15: In what ways did Aaron and Hur assist Moses?

Why is it important that we have people like Aaron and Hur in our lives?

What do the actions of Moses, Aaron, and Hur tell us about the kind of battle the Israelites were fighting?

Read 1 Samuel 17:4-11: What is the first thing that stands out to you about Goliath?

How did the Israelites respond to Goliath’s intimidation?

Read 1 Samuel 17:32-37: Why was David confident and sure of victory?

How can we maintain our reliance on God’s power when the battle is long?

Who plays the roles of Aaron and Hur in your life?

What battle are you currently facing that you need prayer to overcome?