



Key References:

Exodus 17:8–16 (ESV)

⁸ Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. ⁹ So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.” ¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹ Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹² But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³ And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” ¹⁵ And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner, ¹⁶ saying, “A hand upon the throne of the LORD! The LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

John 12:49 (ESV)

⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

Exodus 33:11 (ESV)

¹¹ Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

Discussion Questions:

How to be great followers

1 – Know your position

What is your favorite sport and in what position do you like to play? Within that sport what happens to the team if you get out of position?

From Exodus 17:8-13 what was Joshua’s position to play?

What is your position, or what has God called you to do?

It’s possible to casually function in our position. **How can you actively explore how to do this position well, to grow and get better at it?**

2 – Be under authority

Joshua was given authority for his position, but was also under authority. **How are you under authority in your position? How was even Jesus in his position under another’s authority in John 12:49?**

What did Paul say about being under a leader’s authority that isn’t perfect?

3 – Serve faithfully & be patient

Joshua faithfully served God & Moses despite the situation looking bad. **What things do we have to serve God faithfully in without knowing the outcome? How was Joshua patient under Moses’ leadership?**

4 – Worship God not man

Good leaders should continuously point their followers into relationship with Jesus. **What happens to those who have relationship with Jesus through leaders instead of for themselves? Exodus 33:11**

5 – Honor leaders

As we become more familiar with our leaders their imperfections become more apparent to us. **Why does God call us to honor leaders even though we can see their faults? Will we ever find a leader without imperfections? 1 Thessalonians 5:12**

It’s been said “*great followers make great leaders*”. **Is this true and why is this the case?**