

Text: Exodus 17: 1-7
Title: How To Win Your Battles
Thought: You Have What You Need
Topic: Overcoming Opposition
Teaching: God Helps us Fight our Battles

Story Start:
I used to watch a tv show called MacGyver, it's about a secret agent who fights against the bad guys, stopping them from implementing their Diabolical plans. What made him unique was his background in science, he was less James Bond, and more science teacher.

Story Setup:
His special skill was that he was very well versed in how things worked, this allowed him to use ordinary things in unconventional ways. He could take whatever he had and use it to do whatever needed to be done. He could use almost anything to get himself out of a jam.

Story Shift:
For example, MacGyver would be handcuffed inside a burning building with a bomb ticking down, and he would find some way to use his shoestrings, his belt buckle, a safety pin, and a bubble gum wrapper, to escape the handcuffs, put out the fire and diffuses the bomb.

Story Significance:
MacGyver had the unique skill to use whatever he had to get himself out of trouble, in today's scripture, Moses cries out to God about the battles he's facing, God tells instructs moses to use what he's got, he said pick up your rod and go, and I will help you win.

Sermon Sentence: God will help you win he can work with whatever you've got.

Sermon Saying: You Got Enough to Win

Blessing Paragraph: God fights for those who are faithful to Him, you not alone

Problem Paragraph: Unfaithfulness forfeit Gods protection…**Joshua 7:10–13**

Challenge Paragraph: Stay Faithful and Trust that God is enough

Text Background:
In the text, Moses is fighting two battles, he's fighting a battle within the camp and outside the camp. The people have arrived at the place God commanded Moses to bring them, but when they arrived, they realized there was no water there, so they went to Moses.

They started to complain, we have nothing to drink or give to our cattle, did you and God bring us out here to watch us die of thirst. Moses goes to God and says lord I did what you told me, and these people are ready to stone me, what are we going to do.

God tells Moses, I'm going to use what you have to fix the problem, take up your rod, gather the people, strike the rock, and water will flow from it. Right after that, The Amalekites, attack, Moses uses use the same rod to defeat the attack and win the battle

I. KNOW YOU WILL BE ATTACKED

A. Obedience Will Put You in Opposition with Most of The World

1. To be friends with the world is to be enemies of God…James 4:4
2. The world hates Jesus and those who follow him… John 15:18
3. They crucified Jesus and killed his disciples, it's still happening today

B. Trust In God Will Put You in Opposition to Those Who Doubt

1. Understand there are different levels of faith…Num 13:30-31
2. Joshua said we can take them, the others said they are too strong for us
3. You will have to fight against chiding… make a case against
4. You will have to fight against murmuring… grumble
5. You will have to fight against impossible demands… give us water
6. You will fight against those who temp the lord… put him to the test
7. You will fight against those who question God motives… God is out to kill us

II. TRUST THAT GOD HAS YOUR BACK

A. Moses Gets God Involved in The Fight

1. The worse kind of fight is the one in house
2. The bible says a house divided cannot stand
3. Moses cries out to the lord; with an appeal for action
4. Moses is feeling the desperation of their demands
5. Moses asks the right question; he says lord what should I do
6. Moses stated the problem but placed is focus on the solution
7. Don't focus on what's done, focus on what can be done

B. God Has a Plan

1. God gives Moses' instructions for a solution
2. I believe God put them in that position for a purpose
3. The people had a legitimate concern; water is an essential need
4. God will put you in a place where you must trust him for your needs
5. Don't fear where you are, but trust in God who's leading you
6. Don't stop trusting in God when your in a place you don't like
7. Trust the Shepard to keep you on the mountain top and in the valley