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What Is Your Rallying Point - Psalm 124:1-8

In the midst of challenges, what rallies you?

Who will pick up the colors?

Battle of Antietam: 69th New York The Irish Brigade

Iwo Jima: Need for a bigger flag.

To what do you turn to sustain you in difficult times?

Hebrews in Egypt: Rejoiced when delivered, complained when challenged to trust.

Finally, cried out to God. They Complained about God's means, Moses and plagues. They obeyed God's direction for sacrifice, celebrated deliverance, complained about being conquered, questioned when fearful, praised when provided for, and despaired under threat of death.

Ex 17:8-16 The people of God come under attack. No longer internal, famine and thirst.

Amalekites were a predatory tribe. Deut 25:18 They had no fear of God

They strike the end of the column where there would be the weak and the straggling.

Trying to stop progress, instill fear and frustration, impede the journey if not destroy the people

They represent people standing in the way of God's purpose

Life is a journey through the waves of fulfillment and frustration.

When it is calm we feel faith filled.

When it storms fear filled.

Our hope is what we place or trust when full of fear.

Joshua: "the LORD is salvation"

His obedience is often contrasted with Israel's disobedience

Take some men and fight - God could have done it differently

Moses: The Staff of God, Don't leave home without it: a common piece of wood, uncommon purpose

The Means through which Signs will be performed Ex 4:17

They are to go and fight: God's power through willing participants
Moses can't do it alone: Aaron and Hur support his work

Psalm 95 Come let sing with joy to the Lord,

Israel itself stood in the way of God's purpose:

Numbers 21:4-9 Bronze snake brought healing the real snake was taking away

John 3:14-15 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness
Jesus came in the appearance of man to bring healing to the humans who's choices were killing themselves.

Remember, as I leave I will return. Acts 1:11

Phil 2:6-11 Made in the likeness of man

Scroll and Alter to Remember

What did they need to remember?

Why did they need to remember?

If God can work through an inanimate stick of wood

He can do amazing things through a group of willing hearts.

I am resolved no longer to linger charmed by the world's delights
Things that are higher things that are nobler have allured my sight

I am resolved to go to the savior leaving my sin and strife
He is the true one on the is the just one he has the words of life