

Sneak Attack

1. **Ex 17:8** - Amalek fought Israel
 - A. **Deut 25:17-18** - attacked your rear ranks
 - B. Video
 - C. Vulnerable when alone
 - D. Weak and young were attacked
 - E. Tired stragglers were attacked
 - F. Protected when with the strong
 - 1) "Association" not good enough
2. **Ex 17:9** - fight with Amalek, rod of God in my hand
 - A. Strong return to fight enemy
3. **Ex 17:10-11** - Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up; hand up good; hand down bad
 - A. Lift rod = lift Jesus
 - B. Lift rod = claim God's power
 - C. We fail without God's power
4. **Ex 17:12** - hands heavy; stone under him; Aaron and Hur supported his hands
 - A. Why heavy hands? Gravity
 - B. Why not always easy to lift up Jesus? Depravity
 - C. Stone = Jesus
 - D. Everyone has a job to do - fight, pray, help
5. **Ex 17:13** - Joshua defeated Amalek
 - A. Man cooperates with God
 - B. Romans 8:13
6. **Ex 18:1-12** - Jethro came with Zipporah and kids
7. **Ex 18:13-16** - people stood before Moses from morning until evening; make known statutes of God
 - A. Tough life for Moses
 - B. Necessary work
8. **Ex 18:17-18** - not good; you will wear yourselves out
 - A. Two million people waiting
 - B. Was Moses being attacked? Yes
 - C. Moses was vulnerable because he was alone
 - D. Like stragglers in the back, leaders in the front need protection
9. **Ex 18:19-20** - you shall teach them
 - A. It was good for Moses to instruct people
10. **Ex 18:21-22** - select able men; bear the burden with you
 - A. Spread the work around
 - B. Choose the right people for the job
11. **Ex 18:23** - God commands you; people go in peace
 - A. Work goes much faster
 - B. People can get help they need
 - C. But it only works if God is in charge
12. **Ex 18:24** - Moses heeded his father-in-law
 - A. Humility - Moses accepted advice from Jethro
13. Conclusion
 - A. Don't be a lone straggler in the rear
 - B. Don't be a lone leader in the front
 - C. Working together, we can be safe on the Christian journey.