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FAITH UNDER FIRE AND HELP DURING THE BATTLE

“Moses said to Joshua . . . Go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands. So Joshua fought the Amalekites . . . and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.” Exodus 17:9-11

Moses discovered during that crisis that Gods prevailing power is released through prayer. When I began praying in earnest I discovered the same thing. It boils down to this: if you are willing to invite God to involve Himself in your daily challenges you will experience his prevailing power in your home, in your relationships, in the marketplace, in the schools, in the church, wherever it is most needed.

Kris and I have put this to the test many times but especially this year! This last year we have experienced the most spiritual, emotional and physical challenges in over thirty years of pastoral ministry (still recovering from a heart attack, left knee and right thumb injuries, mother in laws multiple surgeries 200 miles away. Mother in Phoenix retrieved and lived with us for over three months to detox, stabilize and be deliver from prescription drug abuse, brother and brother in law health issues, a brother in law convicted of manslaughter in prison, a spiritual son convicted to 7 years in prison, another family friend convicted sent to 12 years in prison, a family death, 5 marriages of friends in crisis, hosted an international guest in our home for 3 weeks, mother for 3 months, 2 traveling ministers one week each, sisters, brothers and misc family 3 more weeks and the challenge of pastoring a fellowship of believers).

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The power from prayer may come in the form of wisdom or an idea you desperately need and can't come up with yourself. It may come in the form of courage greater than you could ever muster. It may come in the form of confidence or perseverance, uncommon staying power, a changed attitude toward a family member, changed circumstances, maybe even outright miracles. However it comes, Gods prevailing power is released in the lives of people who pray.

APPLICATION: Spend some time praying about a specific situation where you want to unlock Gods power in your life. Make a list of one liners of prayer needs. When stuck, pray the Lord's Prayer and see where it takes you. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR ARMS UP LIKE MOSES ----- PRAY IN TONGUES!

Blessings Pastor Bob Hill

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