

“TESTS OF FAITH” **(Exodus 17:1-16)**

* Principle to remember: *"Without _____ it is _____ to please God"* (Heb. 11:6)

I. ISRAEL'S REDEMPTION FROM EGYPT (Exodus 1-18)

A. The BITTER-WATER Faith-Test in the Wilderness of Shur (15:23-27)

B. The NO-FOOD Faith-Test in the Wilderness of Sin (16:1-36)

C. The NO-WATER Faith-Test in Rephidim (17:1-7)

1. Israel was led to Rephidim by _____ . (v1)

** Why did God do this?*

2. Israel responded to this trial by _____ to _____ rather than _____ in _____. (vv2-3, 7)

** How should the Israelites have responded here?*

** How did Moses respond here?*

3. God instructed Moses to go _____ the people and _____ the rock. (vv5-6)

** How did this test Moses' faith?*

** Who was the Rock a "type" of?*

D. The AMALEKITE Faith-Test in Rephidim (17:8-16)

1. Israel was involved in its _____ against the Amalekites. (v8)

** Who were the Amalekites?*

** What was their strategy with Israel?*

** What do the Amalekites illustrate in your life as a believer in Christ?*

2. Moses commissioned _____, a faithful servant of the Lord, to lead Israel in battle with the Amalekites. (vv9-10a)

** Why did God desire Israel to get involved in its first battle here?*

3. Moses' posture of continual intercession teaches us that spiritual victories are only gained through _____ . (vv10a-13)

** Was Moses' posture in prayer the key to spiritual victory?*

4. Moses' built an _____ to worship the Lord following this victory, and gave Him the _____ by calling it _____. (v15)

** Is the Lord being the "banner" over your Christian life?*

** What can you learn from all of this?*