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Prayerful Dispositions

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Reading: The Amalekites attacked the Israelites. Moses said to Joshua, "Pick out some men to go and fight the Amalekites. I will stand on top of the hill holding the stick that God told me to carry." Joshua did as Moses commanded him and went out to fight the Amalekites, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his arms, the Israelites won, but when he put his arms down, the Amalekites started winning. When Moses' arms grew tired, Aaron and Hur stood beside him and held up his arms until Joshua totally defeated the Amalekites (Exo. 17:8-13).

Reflection: Are we maturing in our prayer life? Being in the community, we are given the opportunity to pray and meditate on the Word of God.

- Prayer leads us to God. It aligns our will to God's will when we say: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.
- When we are open to receive God's will, so that He can give direction to our lives.

Before going to the hill, Moses already consulted God. He prayed.

Believing. Moses and his men were at a disadvantage. The Amalekites were stronger with bigger forces and better weapons. But Moses believed God can do wonders or miracles. He believed that the Lord will fight the battle. It was not Moses' power that produced water from a rock or parted the Red Sea when he used the staff, but the power of God. Holding on to God's power, he led the people.

- When you fight your battle, do not go alone but bring with you the staff of God. Do not go without help from our Lord.
- When we are being sent, the Lord will not send us empty-handed. He will go with us and have everything we need.
- Do not assess from what we have got - we manage through God's providence.
- Learn to trust God and not ourselves for it is God's battle.

Convinced. Moses was convinced it is God's work. Be obedient to God who directs your pilgrimage.

Never gets tired of Praying. Due to physical limitations, Moses had to sacrifice for God's people.

- As long as his hands are raised, they are winning. He was willing to sacrifice for the Israelites.
- When you pray, make an act of sacrifice. **Fasting** is prescribed. Do not just fast from food, but from sin.
- Be willing to do something extraordinary as an act of sacrifice. Jesus fasted for us.

Persistent. Do not give up easily.

- A thing that you get instantly can be disposed of easily. God wants us to value what we prayed for. Treasure it for it is His gift.
- Value the freedom that God gave us.

God wanted the Israelites to realize something so that they will value each other because they were fighting for each other, with one cause. A greater good is coming up.

Persevere in prayer, it may not come in the time that we want, but we should learn how to trust.

- God hears and responds to our prayer. The problem is, we are fixated with one answer - YES to what we want.
- Do not feel entitled learn to trust God's vision.
- We try to plan our lives as if we are in control. We tend to forget that God is the Master Planner.
- When you align your will to His will, greater good will come out.
- Do not be disappointed when your plans did not go well.
- Do not give God the silent treatment. Learn to trust that He can write straight even with crooked lines.
- Good will triumph over evil, the force of light overshadows darkness.
- Have faith for our God is almighty!
- God hears us. What we need is openness to Him and whatever it may be, learn to entrust for

that's what a servant does - entrusting one's will to God's will.

When Moses' arms grew tired, Aaron and Hur helped to keep his arms raised.

- Pray, not only for your intentions, but also, for others and be their **support**.
- Be the Aaron and Hur in someone else's life. Help each other. **Be a friend**.

Prayer should **unite**. The fruit of prayer is unity, love and peace. It is **never destructive**.

Begin and end your day with a prayer. It sustains a beautiful dialogue and relationship with God. Sometimes no words are needed. Just feel His presence.

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