

## The 'X' FACTOR

Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said unto Joshua, **Choose us out men**, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. 10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 **But Moses' hands were heavy**; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; **and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands**, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; **and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.** - Exodus 17:8-12

'X' IS AN **UNKNOWN** or **UNNAMED** factor, person, or thing

THE 'X FACTOR' IS THE.....

**UNEXPECTED** (right **PERSON**)  
doing the **UNEXPECTED** (right **THING**)  
when it is **UNEXPECTED** (right **TIME**)

**BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF THE 'X FACTORS' IN THE BIBLE**

**MELCHEZEDEK** for ABRAHAM

a **WIDOW** for ELIJAH

**JONATHAN** for DAVID

**HIRAM** for SOLOMON

an **ASS** for BALAAM

**MELZAR** for DANIEL

**HEGAI** for ESTHER

**AARON and HUR** for MOSES

THE 'X FACTOR' ALSO TEACHES THAT....

the **SUCCESS** of the '**SEEN**'  
requires the **SUPPORT** of the '**UNSEEN**'

behind every **FIGHTER** there is a **TRAINER**

behind every **PLAYER**, there is a **COACH**

behind every **STUDENT**, there is a **TEACHER**

behind every **SEEKER**, there is a **GUIDE**

**SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT FOR 'X'**

**Mark 9:23** Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, **all things are possible** to him that believeth.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that **all things work together for good** to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

**2 Corinthians 4:18** While **we look** not at the things which are seen, **but at the things which are not seen**: for the things which **are seen are temporal**; but the things which **are not seen are eternal**.

## SERMON OUTLINE

TO ALLOW THE 'FACTOR' TO WORK IN YOUR LIFE.....

- **RECOGNIZE THE POWER** - v9b - "the rod of God in mine hand".

**RECOGNITION** says

It is not what **I CAN DO** (MY STANDING)

but it is what **HE CAN DO** (HIS POWER)

It is not what **I UNDERSTAND** (the FIGHT with AMALEK)

but it is what **HE KNOWS** (who AMALEK is)

It is not **MY HAND**, (RISEN OR FALLEN) but what is **IN MY HAND** (HIS ROD)

- **RELEASE THE POWER** - v9a And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek:

**RELEASE** understands

ADMINISTRATION requires DELEGATION

The **more** 'HANDS', the **more** 'HELP'

**Different** HANDS provide **different** HELP

'I can't **DO IT BY MYSELF**'.....

- **RECEIVE THE POWER** - 12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

**RECEIVING** understands

IF YOU HAVE **ASKED THE QUESTION**, DON'T **QUESTION THE ANSWER**

IF YOU **GAVE AN ORDER**, DON'T BE **AN OBSTACLE TO ITS EXECUTION**

IF YOU **GIVE HELP**, YOU MUST BE WILLING TO **RECEIVE HELP**

## CONCLUSION

WHILE AARON AND HUR WERE THE 'X FACTOR'.....

WHO TOLD THEM TO GO UP? **JOSHUA**.....(v9)

WHO IS JOSHUA? - HEBREW FOR '**JESUS**'

WHO ORDERED JOSHUA TO 'CHOOSE OUT MEN'.....**MOSES**

WE LIKE MOSES ARE **IN A BATTLE**

WE LIKE MOSES ARE **LIMITED IN STRENGTH**

BUT WHEN WE '**GIVE IT OVER TO JESUS**', NOT ONLY WILL HE '**CHOOSE MEN**' TO FIGHT THE BATTLE, BUT **HE'LL SEND AN 'X' FACTOR** THAT WILL **HOLD US UP** (e.g. AARON, HUR) SO THAT THE BATTLE **CAN BE WON**