

ENCOURAGEMENT: HOLD ME UP!

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Exodus 17:10-16

Memory Verse

When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. (NIV)



Exodus 17:12

CASEY'S DAY

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Have you ever tried to stand on one foot for ten minutes without losing your balance? Can you do it more easily while holding on to someone/something? Maybe try it both ways to decide.

Moses led the children of Israel to their new home away from Egypt, and now Israel's enemies were ready to fight. Moses knew that even though God had called him to be Israel's leader, he would need others to defeat all the obstacles. If he listened to God and obeyed what God said, he knew that God would help them.

When the time came for Moses to hold his arms up over the battlefield, his friends Aaron and Hur were there to help hold his arms up. Moses needed the encouragement of his friends to keep going. Because of their

encouragement, they were able to win the battle and defeat the enemy.

Afterward, Moses must have felt very happy and thankful for his friends. He knew when he was most tired that he could rely on them.

When we use words of encouragement or help someone, we are like Aaron and Hur in the story. We're like Moses when we accept the help of others. Maybe today you could think of someone who could use your help and encouragement. Which of your friends could help you?

Prayer

Thank you, God, that you have created us to work together. Thank you for friends who help and encourage us. Help us to encourage our family and friends when they need us. Amen.

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