

July 31, 2016 – AM Service – Pastor Jack Austin

## **Who Am I? A Soldier in Christ's Army**

What image comes to mind when you hear the word, "soldier?" dress uniforms and parades? Battle fatigues in harsh conditions?

A different picture of God creates a different picture of believers...

- Who is God? God is kind, loving, patient, and long-suffering; our Heavenly Father
- BUT Moses declared that God is a Man of War – Exodus 15:3
- Miriam declared that God "throws the horse and rider into the sea" – Exodus 15:21
- David wrote, "The LORD, strong and mighty; the LORD mighty in battle...the LORD of hosts" rules – Psalm 24:8, 10

A picture from Israel at Rephidim – Exodus 17

A picture from Paul – 2 Timothy 2

1. Christ's soldiers are to be faithful - strength of character and heart
2. Christ's soldiers are to be familiar...
  - With the Commander, the Lord
  - With his resources: his armor (Ephesians 6:10-18), his fellow-soldiers; with his enemies – the world, the old nature, and the devil
3. Christ's soldiers are to be focused – not entangled with the affairs of this life.