

Jethro Visits Moses - Exodus 18:1-27

Topics: Advice, Character, Delegation, Family, Leadership

Open It

1. When was a time you broke something important while trying to fix it yourself?
- * 2. What is some of the best advice you have ever been given?
3. How can overworking make a person's life miserable?

Explore It

4. Who was Jethro? (18:1)
5. What were the names of Moses' wife and two sons? (18:2-4)
6. What was the message that Jethro sent to Moses? (18:5-6)
7. When Moses met Jethro, what did they talk about? (18:7-8)
8. How did Jethro respond to what Moses told him? (18:9-11)
9. What did Jethro do in response to God's deliverance of Israel? (18:12)
10. What kind of work did Moses do from morning till evening? (18:13)
11. What did Jethro say to Moses when he saw how hard Moses was working? (18:14)
12. What kind of job description did Moses give to his father-in-law? (18:15-16)
13. How did Jethro express his concern for Moses? (18:17-18)
- * 14. What kind of advice did Jethro give Moses? (18:19-23)
15. What kind of people was Moses to select for leadership? (18:21)
16. What types of responsibilities were Moses' leaders supposed to have? (18:22)
- * 17. How would Jethro's advice benefit Moses and the people of Israel? (18:23)
- * 18. What did Moses do with Jethro's advice? (18:24-25)
19. How were Moses' leaders to handle difficult cases? (18:26)
20. To where did Jethro return after being with Moses? (18:27)

Get It

21. What are the dangers of trying to do too much by yourself?
22. How do you think Moses felt trying to handle all the problems of Israel?
23. How would you have felt if Jethro told you what he told Moses?
24. What kind of personal character does God desire for people in leadership?
25. What character qualities would you like to develop as a leader?
26. What are the signs of burnout in ministering to others?
27. Why are the personal qualities of a leader important to working with people?
- * 28. Why is it hard to take advice from in-laws?
29. In what ways do you overextend yourself or tend toward being a workaholic?
- * 30. How did you think all of Israel benefitted from Jethro's advice?
31. What's wrong with the saying "If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself"?

Apply It

32. What do you need to delegate to someone else this week?
- * 33. How can Jethro's advice to Moses make a definite difference in your life?