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Writing Assignment 1

This text in Exodus 18 is very profound and helpful, But as we do see Moses was the one who went to see the Lord on behalf of the children of Israel he was the mediator in the Old Testament. Moses was the one who led the children of Israel out of Egypt out of the bondage of Pharaoh by instruction of God. Though the children of Israel fell several times and were uncertain about things in regards to all that was going on they made it out by God's Grace. Now Jethro was the priest of Midian Moses's father in law, I believe also that he was sent on an assignment from God to relay the message of him needing help and assistance in what he does. Even though Moses was able to get in touch with God himself, I do believe that God wanted to show Moses how he uses people to convey his messages. Moses did not have to take the wise counsel he could have been filled with pride and rejected the message that came through his father in law Jethro. He humbled himself and took the wise advice, which in turn helped him and was a Blessing from God to advance further.

Jethro's character was a very fatherly figure as someone Moses was able to come to speak to about his situations and have good conversations with. You can also see that Jethro cared greatly for Moses's welfare and about the burden he had to carry. Enough to let his Son in law know that he could not serve the people alone he needed to appoint people to assist him with the ministry. Jethro asked Moses what is this that he is doing with the people and Moses let him know that it was because people were enquiring about the Lord. As I've mentioned earlier Moses for some

time was the mediator between them and God. So he was meditating and being the mouthpiece of God during this time. Jethro told him that what he was doing all alone from the morning until the night was not good at all. Why? Because he would become weary due to burn out from doing this all alone. Jethro said in verse Exodus 18:18 “Thou will surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee: thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.”. Jethro then went on to give him wise counsel on how to choose the men to walk alongside with him and what to appoint them too.

What I can learn from this chapter and apply to my life is to learn how to work with other people and not try to do and carry everything all on my own. I've experienced this before when I tried to do this very thing and I became very weary and burdened which Jethro wanted to avoid. This chapter is powerful everytime I read it, it snaps me back into reality and the realization that I need a team to do exactly what God has called me to do. In the team there will and can be specific tasks for people to do and people who have certain strengths that I do not have. I do believe it is very important to have people alongside you in any situation especially when doing the work of God. You need people to hold you accountable, to pray for you, people who have strengths in certain areas you're weak in. Anything God calls us to requires a team because many of time's we are called to things that are and seem bigger than us. I would like to stress the fact that you can not just have any and everybody on your team, they must be people of integrity as Jethro told Moses.