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### Lessons from Exodus 18

Jethro strikes me as a reader as he is a simple family man who impresses most as an almost monolithic. In this chapter, when Jethro meets with his son-in-law Moses, he presents him with "daughter Zipporah and their two children" (18:5). Jethro gives Moses helpful advice. Moses begins to transcend into a famous and powerful man who can govern the people of Israel. Jethro's demeanor is irreproachable, sincere, and elegant. He never once takes advantage of his position and appears sincere and without guile. No one would ever bring nepotism charges against him. Jethro is shown positively; his character and attitude are rather complex. He appears only when needed and speaks when spoken. I can feel his humility even when Moses shows him reverence and kneels before him.

In Exodus 18, he provides many leadership insights to Moses. First, when Jethro observed Moses hearing cases, he noticed that Moses became the center of attention even as he heard all the people's problems the whole day. He tells Moses this is not a good thing, that leading this way is sure to wear him out; hence he should stop making it all about himself and delegate duties. Here, I learn that leadership is never about one person because one day, that person might not be accessible, the company house or whatever place needs to function with or without him. Jethro advises Moses to "teach them [the people] the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do." (Exodus 18:20). Here,

he asks Moses to be an instructor even as he delegates duties. He should not wait for a problem to happen to communicate instructions from God. "Moses listened to his father-in-law."

(Exodus 18:24)

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