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In Exodus 18, Jethro, who is Moses' father-in-law, heard what God had done for Moses and the people of Israel. Jethro then gathered his daughter, who is Moses' wife and her sons. They then went to Moses where he was encamped at the mountain of God. When Jethro got to Moses he then spoke to him about the things he heard that God did for the people. Moses proceeds to tell him everything that the Lord has done to Pharaoh. He also tells him how they have been delivered and that the Egyptians will face hardships. Jethro was so happy he rejoiced and praised God. Jethro gave God a burnt offering along with other sacrifices. The elders of Israel came and joined Jethro and ate bread before God. The next day Jethro saw Moses surrounded by the people and asked him what he was doing. Moses tells him how the people come to him if they have difficulties or if they are asking about God. Jethro then tells Moses how what they are doing is not good because it will wear him and the people out. He gives Moses advice and tells him how he should get other people to help him oversee the people from thousands to tens. Moses follows the advice and gets God fearing men to over the people and only come to him if the problems are too difficult for him to handle. Once that happens Jethro returns home.

I have learned that Jethro is a loving and proud father-in-law **Exo 18:2** he bought his daughter Moses' wife back to him after he heard all that was accomplished. You can tell he respects Moses a lot. Just by Jethro going all the way to Moses and meeting him where he is at is respect. He was also excited to talk to Moses about the great things that had happened. **Exo 18:7-9**. I also can see how much of a God fearing man he is just by how he instantly rejoiced and instantly made sacrifices for God **Exo 18:12**. You can also tell that he is full of wisdom just by the advice he gave to Moses later in the book to seek other God fearing men to help him **Exo 18:21-22**. I feel like the advice he gave was another sign of respect. Another thing that I have learned about Jethro from this one chapter is that he is a family man and cares deeply about his family. I see this when Jethro decided to sit Moses down and counsel him to make sure he doesn't wear himself out. If Jethro did not care about Moses or his family he would have let Moses wear himself out.

I think the advice Jethro gave to Moses was phenomenal. He told Moses that he can not sit there and "judge" people all day long because it is no good. He told Moses it will wear him out, it is too much for him to handle by himself. He told Moses that he needs to go and find many God fearing men who can help him carry all these burdens so he is not doing it alone. They are to take the burden off of Moses by overseeing groups of people by the thousands all the way to the tens. He told him to let them "judge" the people at all times. Any of the greater problems they seek Moses guidance

I believe what Moses was doing wrong was putting all the burden on himself which is very mentally draining. What he was also doing wrong was having everyone come to him at once instead of separating people into groups. The way Moses was handling things could have had many effects on him. One of the effects it could have had on him was that he would have been mentally exhausted to the point where his spiritual walk with God could have started to

back slide because he would not have had his own one on one time with God. Another effect it could have had on him was he could have started resenting the people because he was the only one they were going to and he could've felt like he had no time for himself. Another way it would have affected him was he could have started to get distant from his family.

What I can learn in this chapter is how God always has favor over you and will bring people in your life or around you in just the right moments. What I can apply to my life is when God brings someone of such wisdom into your life and they give you advice it is something you should follow because it will always benefit you in the long run.