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Exodus 18 talks about family relationships and advice. Moises was trying to be a leader helping others and putting everyone's problems on his back. On the other side, Jethro his father-in-law was trying to show him that is not the most efficient way to do it and teach him a different approach. When Jethro came to visit his son-in-law, brought his wife and two kids with him to have this conversation. The reason he was trying to explain that was not good, was that the job was so BIG that he could not effectively accomplish it but there were many ways to do it.

Jethro could see the problem from the outside, he had a better vision to advise Moises of the situation. He was concerned about Moises's being overwhelmed and not achieving the final goal, which was to help and solve people's problems. Jethro was trying to remind him that he was supposed to teach his followers about God's words. Everyone has problems, not always have someone to help and advise us, but we must figure out things ourselves. The best way to do it is by using God's words and guidance. Sometimes when people try to tell us what to do Is hard for us to understand and most of the time accept, because we think we are doing the right thing. But on the other side, we have good people watching out for us, trying to show us a better way to do so and we should value that.

Moises started putting people to help him lead a group of God's people, He was teaching them to find God through their problems. They will eventually solve their own problems. Jesus is the true leader and is the biggest delegator, and he does this through us. Moises not only respected his father-in-law, but he worships him and their relationship with God, bringing him to his work so he could clearly see the dynamic that was being used. Moises was wise enough to understand and get Godly help.

The main idea of the Exodus 18 is to teach us how to Pray, putting God before anyone else. Even if something was delegated to me, I must only do things I can accomplish, otherwise, I won't be able to help others and me. I must show people what they should do to solve their problems, giving example is the best option. Even if there are delays in solving our problems, we must be patient and trust the process. Jesus Crist is the leader; the head of the church and no leader should do the work of leadership alone.

In conclusion, I can relate to the story of Exodus 18 very much because when I was young and living in my country I never listened to people until I realized I can't do it alone. Having someone that watches your back and cares for you is priceless. What happens these days is that most of the people you know won't care about you, or what you do but there are very few people that will. Family members are number one, may one or two friends. When you don't have anyone else to ask for help, your family will be there for you. I had moments living in NYC by myself without family around that I needed help, all my "friends" did not help me, and my family was the only one to support me even from far away. This is a life lesson, family, God, and a small circle of friends is the key to success. God will never give up on us, no matter what. He will always forgive, but we must learn the lesson.

