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Written Assignment 1

Exodus is the second book in the Bible and is one of the four books of Moses. In the following Text, I will talk about the 18th chapter of Exodus.

In chapter 18 Moses reunites with his family and his father-in-law Jethro. His father-in-law was impressed by how God walked the Israel's out of slavery. After noticing that Moses had a lot to do by just settling disputes the whole day, Jethro gives Moses his advice. With that advice, Moses did not run the risk to get washed out, and also the people got satisfied.

Jethro's character is a really interesting one because even though he could speak down on Moses he doesn't. Jethro is from the beginning on friendly and his goal is to help Moses to do an even better job in directing the Israelis (Exodus 18, 7-9). Furthermore, Jethro is also happy with Moses over how good the Lord is (Exodus 18, 9-12). Later in that chapter, Jethro gives Moses advice on how to handle the difficulties with the Israelis (Exodus 18, 17-23). All of these actions from Jethro are showing how friendly he is and how lovingly he gives his advice to Moses.

Jethro advises Moses to teach the people God's Commandments and how to behave in God's will but at the same time Moses should have people that are in charge of a certain amount of people and then they will solve the little disputes and for big disputes, they will come to Moses (Exodus 18, 17-23).The issue with Moses solving everyone's disputes is that he will be

tired over time and he won't be able to satisfy everyone because it's impossible for him to solve everyone's disputes. Moses would have felt washed out after a certain time and with him being washed out he would have helped anybody. Neither the Israelis nor him himself. The disputes also didn't get less because he didn't teach them God's Commandments or how to behave in God's will. With Jethro's advice and Moses' implementation of it, the issue got solved.

For me personally, this chapter is really helpful. I've noticed through that chapter that I can't help everyone and I also can not solve everything. I've noticed that I often try to solve a lot of issues on my own. It would be way easier to just give my problems to God. In the future, I want to involve God more in my problems because most of the time I don't even have solutions for them and after a time I will break under that pressure of solving all my problems. God will guide me through them but only if I let him because he will never impose himself. But I also want to learn how to give lovingly my advice to others without speaking down to them just because I'm older or maybe even wiser. For me, this is especially hard when I try to help my little brother. As a big sister, I want to give him all the advice that I earned through all the mistakes I made. I definitely don't want him to do the same. But I notice that most of the time I think that he has to take my advice. I want to learn to advise and not to determine what he has to do. All of that I want to do in love. Same as God does it. God knows everything and he still doesn't determine what we have to do. God does everything in love and he is not intrusive.

All in all, I think that we can learn in that chapter, especially from Jethro's actions but we can also probably find ourselves in Moses and how he tries to manage everything on his own. After reading this chapter the most imported is to actually change something because now I have the knowledge I just have to act accordingly everything else would be foolish. Through

that class, I always want to learn something through the Bible passages. I want to learn something that I can use my whole life and that brings me closer to God.