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In Exodus 18 of the Bible Jethro, Moses' father-in-law and Priest of Midian, brings Zipporah and her two sons Gershom and Eliezer to see Moses after the Israelites are encamped in the mountain of God. After Jethro hears how God helped delivered the Israelites, he blesses the Lord and sacrifices himself to him, Then the following day Moses is appointed to judge cases that people have the whole day. And while he judges Jethro watches and asks what the purpose of Moses judging these people alone is and how is this helping the people. Moses then explains that he judges situations people might have encountered and are looking to seek God to help.

The Advice that Jethro gives to Moses when he sees him judging all those people alone is basically that even though at the moment it may seem that Moses can handle the job alone, later in the future, he will get tired and burn out and won't be able to handle all the cases and advise on what God's intrusions are and what to do. Jethro advises him to form a team of people that can help in different areas that are needed for the people to listen and understand what might God do in their situation to resolve the problem. After Jethro advises Moses he takes the advice and does what Jethro told him to do, In **Exodus 18:25-26** it says "And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens." "And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves." These quotes show how Moses took to heart what Jethro was telling him and used it to help not only himself but the people and God as well.

Jethro's character throughout Exodus 18 shows his compassion not only for God but for his son-in-law Moses and the people as well. He observes what is going on while Moses is judging throughout the day and sees as well as questions him on how he is spreading God's instructions and advice to the people. To help Moses he says in **Exodus 18:19-21** "Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:," Jethro is telling Moses that to take his advice as he sees fit but the way he sees the judging going if Moses doesn't get help for him or the people will ever be satisfied with the final say when finding the solution to the case.

In conclusion Exodus 18 has shown me that at times it's ok to ask for help in situations that at the beginning don't seem to be stressful but as the course of time passes it can get overwhelming if trying to do everything all alone and as quickly and efficiently as possible. The lesson that is to be taken away from the chapter is to slow down and form a team of people that can help you succeed and not only help you but help those that are asking for help as well.