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Exodus 18: Jethro & Moses

Exodus 18 tells us about the story of Jethro who is the father-in-law of Moses. At first, Jethro visits Moses in the wilderness and advises him on how to lead the people of Israel in a better way. Jethro recommends that Moses should make certain people leaders so that they can help him judge the people and resolve problems. (Exodus 18:13) Jethro then offers a sacrifice to the Lord and eats a meal with Moses and Aaron before returning to his own land. (Exodus 18:12).

From this chapter, I learned that Jethro is a very wise and strong leader who has no problem going to the lengths of helping people. According to the NKJV Bible, “The thing that you do is not good. Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself. Listen now to my voice; I will give you <sup>[h]</sup>counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God. And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do.” To me, this meant that he gave the son-in-law advice that helped him do good things. This also told me that Jethro’s character was made out to be very caring.

The advice Jethro gave to Moses was very helpful and resourceful. He told Moses that he would wear himself out trying to rule and teach people everything because it would be too much

for him. He told him that he should teach people the laws and teach them how to do the work. This job was solely for able men of truth who hated covetousness which basically meant being greedy. These men were to judge the people and become rulers of hundreds, the fifties, and even tens. Doing this would be easier for Moses because he wouldn't have to do all the work himself and it wouldn't be that hard on him.

In my opinion, Moses was doing everything wrong because it seems like he was trying to do too many things at once and the Jethro said it would be too much of a burden on him and he can't do it by himself. The negative side effects of Moses doing all of this could result in him wearing himself out and being so weak to the point where nobody could rule and being that the people weren't taught how to do things everything would be all over the place.

From this chapter, I learned that it's okay to get other people's help and not do everything yourself because you will get tired and overwhelmed as a person who has too much pride and doesn't like asking for help, I needed to read this. Another thing I learned from this chapter was that taking advice from someone whether its family or not that one piece of advice can help you and go a long way.