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Exodus18

Exodus 18 is the first chapter I have read in the old testament and I found it pretty interesting since the church had always talked about Moses and now I am actually reading about him and getting to know about his whole life with God. Moses was a prophet of God and tried to serve him by being a judge to the people.

Jethro is Moses' father in law and by reading Exodus 18 I can tell he is a big family man since he took in Moses' wife Zipporah and their two children named Gershom and Eliezer when they were in need of shelter according to Exodus 18:3. He also brought them back to Moses when "he was camped near the mountain of God". I learned that Jethro is also a big believer in God since he was a priest of midian and gave Moses advice on how to be a judge properly.

The advice Jethro gives to Moses is that he should not be the only judge for the people but to allow other loyal followers of God to also be judges and when they don't know the answers to some cases to bring them to Moses to solve. The most important thing he said was that he should not be taking care of all those people since it is too much work for him to handle all by himself and that Moses should show the people the way of God and how he wants everyone to live.

What Moses was doing wrong was taking all that work load by himself and being the only judge to the people. The possible effects that could have happened was he could

have gotten power hungry since a lot of people were coming to him for advice and wisdom and that's a lot of power for one man to handle. Another thing that could have gotten is stressed since everyone wanted him to solve their problems since people were there from morning till evening and then he would have no family time and it would destroy his family.

One thing I learned about Exodus 18 that I can apply to my life is that it is better to work as a team and with others than taking everything on by yourself. I say this because a lot of brains working together is better than just one working together because then you can get other ideas and solutions from other people than you couldn't get on your own. But if your going to get others peoples help you have to find trustworthy and loyal friends like Moses did.