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### Jethro Confronts Moses

Jethro had heard of what God had done for the people of Israel, how He brought Israel out of Egypt, and what He had done for Moses. Afterward, he sends for Moses' wife, Zipporah, and her two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, to bring to Moses. Once they meet, they scale up the mountain and Jethro greets Moses for Moses and he then asks how each they are. Moses explains to Jethro how God had delivered them and what God did to Pharaoh and Egypt for them to be freed. Jethro rejoices for what the Lord has done, exclaims how God is truly greater than all gods and makes a sacrifice unto Him. The elders and Aaron came to them and they all ate bread before God. It is then the next day, that Moses would judge the people of Israel from morning till evening. Jethro sees this and asks Moses in Exodus 18:14 NKJV, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?". Moses responds with how he must speak on the behalf of God unto the people. If they have a problem or matter to settle, they come to Moses. When Jethro hears this, he tells Moses how this is not good and that he should not do this. He says how this would make him weary and that this sort of task can become a burden upon him. He can not do this alone. Jethro says to him how he must still order the people on how to act unto God and what shall be done. Moses must not judge upon every matter, if they are big enough, he shall order. If the matter is small, the people should judge themselves. Jethro orders that Moses should instead now have other judges to help and carry the burden, who will order onto thousands, hundreds, the fifties, and tens. Moses took what Jethro had said and made it true. He sought out men to help judge and then Jethro left.

I learned how Jethro can see the vision of God through Moses. He also knows what can be hard for someone to deal with and saw how Moses had put himself into something he can not do alone. He

cares for Moses and wants him to be as heart strong as possible for the Lord, which is why in Exodus 18:22 NKJV, he suggests to Moses, “And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you”. Jethro cares for Moses and the people of Israel and gave Moses a better way of doing such.

Jethro essentially said to Moses that he should not judge the people of Israel for every single matter or problem they have alone. He told him to find people to judge Israel alongside him so that the burden can be lessened. Not only that but small matters can just be resolved among the people instead of having to go to Moses or the other judges.

All that Moses thought was that since he is on behalf of God for the people of Israel, he must judge them, all of them. Jethro saw what was wrong with it and came up with a better way. Moses put the burden of judging the people of Israel from morning till evening all onto himself. If Jethro had not said anything, Moses would probably have not seen what is wrong with that and worn himself out. Maybe he felt that if he could not do this task that he was not fit to look after Israel if he could not fix their problems.

From what the reading said, there is not any shame in asking for help. If there were to be a task put on me that would be heavy for me to complete alone, I am always able to ask for help. I do not have to do things alone, and this can be a great way to show how God feels about our lives. We do not have to go through the burden of life alone and with no help, we can always ask God for wisdom and help. He is just waiting for us to notice that he is there and ready to help.