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### **Written Assignment #1**

In Exodus 18 it was all about Moses and Jethro, the father in law of Moses. All of the people of Israel went to Moses for him to judge and help them with their problems. This was after all of the hardships that were caused after Israel was moved out of Egypt. The Lord was proven to be greater than all other gods for what he did to those that treated Israel arrogantly. As soon as Jethro viewed how much tension and pressure was on Moses to speak to so many people. He immediately told him that he needs to distribute his work with other people. This is when Moses began to have people that would hear the problems of the people and classify if they were hard or easier problems to deal with. His work started to get separated when the workers would deal with the easier work and if it seemed hard they would pass it to Moses. When Jethro told him to find other people they had to be classified and educated on the laws and had to be wise. After Moses took Jethro's advise he sent him back to his own country.

Just from this one chapter I have learned that Jethro is very wise. The way that he gave Moses advise about how to divide his work between men that feared God and trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain. (Exodus 18:21) I also learned that Jethro is very caring because he knew what Moses was doing was benefiting society. Even though he is helping others Jethro wanted to make sure Moses did not get worn out. It showed me that yes Jethro was a hard

believer in God and he would do anything to fulfill him. He would not want Moses to suffer even if he is working with people through God.

Jethro gave Moses advice on how to alleviate the pressure of meeting with tons of people every day. Jethro told Moses to find men that feared God and genuine people to help him become less stressed. Moses was putting too much pressure on himself and the possible effects was him just dying from exhaustion. What I learned from this chapter that I can apply to my life is that even if you do not want help, it may be necessary.