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Writing 1 - Exodus 18

What I learned about Jethro's character in Exo. 18 of the Bible is that he is the priest of Midian and also Moses' father in law. This is stated in the first sentence of the first verse of the chapter. I also learned that he plays a big part in the way Moses goes about his people to live better and more faithfully for the Lord. Jethro is a great father-in-law to his step-son Moses, teaching him the works of God.

The things I can learn about Jethro's character from this one chapter is that he plays a huge part in spreading God's gospel with the world. I learned that building a team regarding God's word can represent the reason why God has put us on this earth. This is because when Moses was explaining to Jethro about what God has done for Israel in regard of the Egyptians he was very thankful and rejoiced to God about how he now knows how the Lord is the greatest upon all Gods. For example, In Exo.18: 9, the Bible states, "And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, ...". This verse from the Bible explains that Jethro is a true believer of our Lord and savior.

For instance not everyone sees the true meaning behind God's greatness and intentions he has for his people. Jethro rejoices to God in much joy representing the love God has for his believers. There are also other things this chapter has shown me, for instance the things Moses has done that are wrong. Moses is in fact a great leader,

however Jethro, his father-in law, helps him out tremendously regarding Jethro seeing Moses being a judge for his people. This is the main thing I see Moses doing wrong in this chapter. He can have major effects happening in regard to him doing these such things for his people, I feel like it could lead to the fate of his people leaving him. This was one of the major possible effects it could have had on him, his people would sit morning until the evening.

There are important reasons and ways you should lead your people which Jethro explains to Moses. I say that if Jethro did not give Moses that advice it could have led to his fate in his people leaving him because he was putting so much onto himself and also his people by one-by-one informing them of “God’s decrees and instructions”. Jethro gives Moses advice for this specific situation explaining that he does not have to work alone all the time. In Exo. 18: 19, it explains that the advice Jethro gave Moses saying that what he was doing was wrong, “You must be the representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ”. Jethro explains in the next verse, Exo. 18: 20, that he needs to change his ways of teachings. Overall, he is told to teach his people how they are supposed to live and behave in the name of the Lord.

In conclusion, I can say that I learned that learning more about the ways God presents himself and does greatness without most knowing really brings joy to Christianity. I say this because at the end of the chapter, Moses told Jethro all of the great things God has done for the Egyptians which allowed Jethro to see the true meaning behind God’s purpose and the great ways in which he works. He rejoiced at God for what he did and this really reminds me of a time where I questioned my faith, then later on figured out the purpose of God's actions and thanked him for it. The things

from this chapter that can be applied to my life is when one time I had lost one of my closest friends that I had been friends with for years and on top of that I had just gotten broken up with. I had questioned God in so many ways about why my life is falling apart and why, later on I had realized that God had taken those people out of my life for the better and it has gotten me where I am today.