**Moses a man who heard from God – Ex. 18**

**Focal Truth: God provided Moses with wise counsel as the leader of God’s people**

**Observations:**

1. **Jethro was Moses’ father – in - law – 18:1**
2. **Jethro Moses’ father – in – law heard of the great work God had done for Israel – 18 :1**
3. **Jethro Moses’ father – in – law took care of Moses family while he was leading Israel from Egypt – 18: 2 – 4**
4. **Jethro & Moses family came to be with Moses at the mount of God in the wilderness – 18:5 – 6**
5. **Moses greets & honors Jethro – 18:7**
6. He bows and kisses him
7. They talk about how they are doing
8. **Moses tells Jethro all that God has done in delivering Israel – 18:8**
9. **Jethro rejoices in the work of God for Israel – 18:9**
10. **Jethro gave praise to God for His work for Israel – 18:10 - 11**

Blessed be the Lord who delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharoah and who delivered the people from the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all the gods indeed, it was proven when they dealt proudly against the people

1. **Moses and Jethro offer sacrifice to God for His goodness in saving Israel – 18:12**
2. **Jethro watches Moses as he judges the affairs of Israel – 18:13**
3. The people came to Moses all day long – morning to evening
4. **Jethro speaks his concern to Moses about his work of judging the affairs of the people**

**18:14**

1. What is this thing that you are doing for the people?
2. Why do. You alone sit as judge and all the people stand about you from morning until evening?
3. **Moses explains why the people come to him for counsel – 18:15 -16**
4. The people come to me to inquire of God
5. The people come to me when they have a dispute, I judge between a man & his neighbor and make known the statutes of God & His law
6. **Jethro gives Moses wise counsel – 18: 17 – 23**
7. What you are doing is not good
8. You will get tired and the people will get tired of this process
9. The work is too heavy for you, you cannot do it alone
10. You are the people’s representative before God

Bring the disputes before God

Teach them the Law of God

1. Select men to serve as judges to the people – groups of thousands, hundreds, fifties & tens

Men who fear God

Men of truth

Men who hate dishonest gain

1. Let these men judge the people at all times, let them bring only major disputes to you – they will take care of the minor disputes
2. **This will be easier for you & they will bear the burden with you**
3. If you do this you will endure and all the people will go to their place in peace
4. **Moses listens to wise counsel – 18:24 – 26**
5. Moses listened to all he said to him
6. Moses chose the able men to judge the people
7. The men judged the people at all times
8. **Moses & Jethro say good bye – 18:27**

**Things to Remember**

1. Moses was able to do his work for God because he prioritized his time on God’s calling on his life

**Moses was with the people all day but was not with God all day**

1. God provides wise counselors for us to help us live to glorify God
2. Moses was wise & received counsel from his father – in – law

Pr. 1:5 – a wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel

Pr. 11:14 – where there is no guidance the people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is victory

Pr. 12:15 – the way of a food is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel

Pr. 13:10 – wisdom is with those who receive counsel

Pr. 19:20 – listen to counsel and accept discipline, that you may be wise the rest of your days

Pr. 15:22 – without consultation plans are frustrated, but with many counselors they succeed

Pr. 24:6 – by wise guidance you will wage war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory

Pr. 27:9 – oil and perfume make the heart glad, so a man’s counsel is sweet to his friend

1. Moses the leader built a team to assist him in the work he was doing

God has equipped his people in the church with spiritual gifts for service & ministry to one another

1. We are never too old that we do not need to receive, listen & act on wise counsel