

A Healthy Community

Exodus 18

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Throughout the wilderness story God is using this wilderness experience to shape his people. In Chapter 18, He begins to show them what a healthy community looks like:

God's Glory and Jethro's Conversion :: Exodus 18:1-12

Verses 8-9...Was Moses *trying* to convert Jesse? We aren't sure, but we do know that the praises of God were on the tip of Moses' tongue as he recounted the recent events.

How do we know that Moses told the story of God instead of the story of himself?

Look at Jesse's response in 9-11.

- He rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done.
- He blessed the Lord for delivering Moses.
- He repeats 3 times the power of the Egyptians. He is in awe that his timid, stuttering son-in-law actually made it back. Certainly that took God's power!
- Verse 11 - He confessed what God had wanted the world to learn of him.
 - Now I know who the true God is!
 - John 17:3 - This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent — Jesus Christ.

Now, what was Moses' method of sharing the Gospel?

Acts 20:22-24 - He testified to the grace of God.

1 Peter 3:15 - He did it with respect, not disparagingly.

18:13-26 - Read

Jethro gives counsel to Moses - He told Moses he was doing too much. Moses was trying to settle disputes, be the police, the law, the counselor, the judge, theologian, and pastor all at once!

The church is the same. In Acts 6:1-7 the apostles couldn't do everything, so they brought on deacons. Jethro told Moses to do the same.

Ephesians 4:11-12

1 Corinthians 12:7