

MOSES PART IX
EXODUS CHAPTER 18
“LEARN TO SHARE”
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INTRODUCTION

- As a leader, one of the most difficult things to do is delegate to others.
- But at the end of the day sharing ministry is crucial for all of us to fulfill our destiny.
- Delegation is much more difficult than it appears.
- And as great a leader as Moses was, he had a tough time with it.
- Exodus 18:13-24, “...Moses sat to judge the people ...from the morning until the evening. ¹⁴Now when Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he was doing...he said, “What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge...” “The thing that you are doing is not good. ¹⁸“You will surely wear out...you cannot do it alone...select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place *these* over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.”

I. THE FAMILY REUNION

- Moses had sent his family home before entering Egypt.
- Vss. 7-8 - Moses sees his family again.
- Vss. 9-12 – He shares the stories of all God did.
- When we share our stories about God working, others are encouraged and empowered.

- Jethro was a gentile priest (Exodus 2:16) whose testimony indicates that he knew the true and living God.
- He also knew the importance of Israel in the plan of God.

II. SHARING THE LOAD

- If something is going to grow it must be shared.
- If you are to delegate well people need to know how you think.
- Moses had a large heart and a great deal of faithfulness to God at this point in his life.
- He was overwhelmed and overworked, but he was faithful.
- Vss. 13-19 - Jethro sees Moses’ lifestyle and tells him this is not good! You cannot do it alone!
- Two key phrases - You’re in trouble, but will you listen?

III. A PLAN AND A STRATEGY AND THE DANGER

- Vs. 4:29 - Tells us the nation had elders, but they weren’t leading.
- Inherent in Moses’ lifestyle was danger and God sent him someone wiser than he to teach him.
- But he had to be teachable.
- Vss. 19-20 - The plan, the big picture, impartation/teaching.
- Jethro doesn’t command Moses, he encourages him.
- Vs. 24 - “Moses listened!”

CLOSE

- Who did Moses delegate to? Those who were prepared to receive.
- Vs. 21 – Those who fear God, live in integrity, truthful.