

Exodus 18 FAMILY WISDOM

What are the main obstacles to growth here at Scorrier?

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BUILDING BELOWATHE WATERLINE

Shoring Up the Foundations of Leadership

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Ch 18 – Sharing the load in leadership

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Eli = God Eli-ezer = God is my Ezer = Helper helper!

V1: Now Jethro, the priest of Midian and father-in-law of Moses, heard of everything God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, and how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

V5: Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, together with Moses' sons and wife, came to him in the wilderness, where he was camped near the **mountain of God**.

V7: So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. They greeted each other and then went into the tent.

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9v16: But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be **proclaimed** in all the earth.

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V9: Jethro was <u>delighted</u> to hear about all the good things the LORD had done for Israel in rescuing them from the hand of the Egyptians.

V11: Now I know that the LORD is greater than all other gods, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly."

Confession of faith

V12: Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat a meal with Moses' father-in-law in the presence of God.

True Worship

V13: The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening.

V14: When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"

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V16: Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and instructions."

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V18: You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.

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SCF Vision...

- **ENCOURAGING** each other to live for Jesus in all of life
- **ENGAGING** our communities with the love of Christ in word and deed
- EQUIPPING leaders on every level

V23: If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."



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"I would rather wear out for the gospel than rust out"

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As the gospel is shared the church grows and as the church grows the load must be shared.