

Outline

Moses went out to meet his father-in-law. He bowed low and kissed him. They asked about each other's welfare and then went into Moses' tent. Moses told his father-in-law everything the Lord had done to Pharaoh and Egypt on behalf of Israel. He also told about all the hardships they had experienced along the way and how the Lord had rescued his people from all their troubles. Jethro was delighted when he heard about all the good things the Lord had done for Israel as he rescued them from the hand of the Egyptians. ...

...The next day, Moses took his seat to hear the people's disputes against each other. They waited before him from morning till evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he asked, "What are you really accomplishing here? Why are you trying to do all this alone while everyone stands around you from morning till evening?" Moses replied, "Because the people come to me to get a ruling from God. When a dispute arises, they come to me, and I am the one who settles the case between the quarreling parties. I inform the people of God's decrees and give them his instructions."

"This is not good!" Moses' father-in-law exclaimed. "You're going to wear yourself out—and the people, too. This job is too heavy a burden for you to handle all by yourself. Now listen to me, and let me give you a word of advice, and may God be with you. You should continue to be the people's representative before God, bringing their disputes to him. Teach them God's decrees, and give them his instructions. Show them how to conduct their lives. But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten. They should always be available to solve the people's common disputes, but have them bring the major cases to you. Let the leaders decide the smaller matters themselves. They will help you carry the load, making the task easier for you. If you follow this advice, and if God commands you to do so, then you will be able to endure the pressures, and all these people will go home in peace.

Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said."

I. BE WISE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

"Give honor to those honor is due." Romans 13:7

"Honor your father and mother." Exodus 20:12

"You shall rise up before the gray-headed and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:32

"Honor those in authority." Romans 13:1-2; 1 Peter 2:17

The Journey: "Model of a Healthy Relationship"

Exodus 18: 7-9, 13-24

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The Interaction between Moses & Jethro

Application

"Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." James 1:19

II. Be Real in Our Relationships.

"Moses told his father-in-law everything the Lord had done to Pharaoh and Egypt on behalf of Israel. He also told about all the hardships they had experienced along the way and how the Lord had rescued his people from all their troubles." (vs. 8)

III. Be Humble Enough to Take Good Advice.

"This is not good!" (vs. 17)

Application