

## JETHRO'S CONVERSION AND COUNSEL Exodus 18

**BIG IDEA:** *Effective ministry is God working through us and others working alongside us.*

### TEXT:

<sup>1</sup> “Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses’ father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, took Moses’ wife Zipporah, after he had sent her away, <sup>3</sup> and her two sons, of whom one was named Gershom, for Moses said, ‘I have been a sojourner in a foreign land.’ <sup>4</sup> The other was named Eliezer, for he said, ‘The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.’”

Exodus 3:12 “And He said, ‘Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain.’”

Isaiah 45:5-6 “I am the Lord, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; <sup>6</sup> That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is no one besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

### APPLICATION:

1. If we are to have an effective ministry, we need \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>8</sup> “Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel’s sake, all the hardship that had befallen them on the journey, and *how* the Lord had delivered them. <sup>9</sup> Jethro rejoiced over all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, in delivering them from the hand of the Egyptians.”

### POWERFUL TESTIMONIES:

**Peter** Acts 2:14-41; 1 Peter 3:15

**Paul** Acts 9:1-22; Acts 26

**Mary Magdalene** John 20:11-18

**Samaritan woman at the well** John 4:1-42

**Blind man healed by Jesus** John 9:1-41

**Demon-possessed man in the region of the Gerasenes**  
Mark 5:1-20

**Woman healed by touching Jesus’ garment** Mark 5:25-34

**Zacchaeus** Luke 19:1-10

**Man born blind healed by Jesus** John 9:1-41

2. If we are to have an effective ministry, we need \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>21</sup> “Furthermore, you shall 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. <sup>22</sup> Let them judge the people at all times; and let it be that every major dispute they will bring to you, but every minor dispute they themselves will judge. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear *the burden* with you.”

Philippians 1:1 “Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers.”

### NOTES: