

When work encroaches on your life

Exodus 18

☐ The family reunion (1-12)

- Moses welcomes his father-in-law, Jethro (1-7)
- Moses tells the story of God's deliverance (8-9)
- Jethro is convinced of God's greatness (10-12)

☐ Jethro gives Moses wise counsel (13-27)

- Jethro collected information (13-16) . . .
 - He observed (13-14a)
 - He asked questions (14b)
 - He listened (15-16)
- . . . before offering his opinion (17-23)
 - He addressed Moses personally (17)
 - Don't ignore natural laws (18a)
 - Stop micromanaging (18b)
 - Do what only you can do (19-20)
 - Enlist the help of qualified people (21-22)
 - In doing less, you will accomplish more (23)
- Moses listened and acted on the advice (24-27)

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- Make time for relationships
- Pay attention to what God is doing
- Listen to wise counsel
- Recognize your limits
- Determine what is essential and what is incidental
- Let others help you