

# Exodus: A Lesson in Leadership

## [Exodus 18:1–27](#)

In this passage, Moses receives advice from an unlikely source: his father-in-law, Jethro, a pagan priest of Midian. Rather than dismissing Jethro's advice, Moses humbles himself and accepts it. Similarly, we are called to accept our limits and receive God's direction through others so we can serve one another with strength.

## Application

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1. Do you have anyone in your life from whom you receive direction? If so, how do you respond to their advice—with humility and gratitude or dismissiveness and frustration? If not, who can you invite to regularly speak into your life?
2. If you feel like you're in a season of burnout in your work or serving, what would it look like for you to acknowledge your limits, reprioritize your responsibilities, and ask others to help you?

## Key Points

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- Sometimes God uses people we don't want to hear from to tell us exactly what we need to hear.
- When the only counsel we have is our own, we become isolated. Receiving direction should be a normal experience for believers.
- When we reject our human limits, we wear out our bodies, minds, and spirits over time, which hinders our availability to serve and strengthen others.
- The goal of plurality in serving is to share responsibility and to multiply the work God is doing through his people.

## Other Scripture References

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[Matthew 25:14–30](#)

[Acts 6:1–4](#)

[Galatians 6:1–3](#)