

Come On Bruh Bible Study 5: That Load's Gonna Wear You Down –

Exodus 18:13-26

Getting Things Started

- Jethro, the father -in-law of Moses, is a Midian Priest who comes to check on Moses after hearing about what God has done for the Israelites as they fled Egypt.
 - Today's lesson takes place before the 10 Commandments have been given and before God sets aside Aaron, his sons and their descendants to serve as priests.
- 1) What kinds of things might someone be looking to find out from a family member who returns after having been away for a difficult job assignment?

Into the Text

- 2) What do you notice most about the way that Jethro approaches Moses concerning the way that Moses is interacting with the people of Israel?

- 3) Re-read Moses' response to Jethro in verses 15-16 as well as Jethro's advice in verses 19-22. Having re-read these passages, what two different ministry functions was Moses performing and which one did Jethro suggest that Moses continue to perform?

- 4) What kinds of criteria does Jethro suggest that Moses use to determine who to include in Moses' leadership team? Which criteria do you like the most? Why do you feel this way?

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Bringing Things Current:

- 5) What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a ministry team?

| Advantages.... | Disadvantages.... |
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- 6) How can a church leader identify whether or not his/her leadership approach is working for him/her and the community that s/he is serving?

- 7) What are some modern examples of church leadership beliefs that might cause a church leader take more than his/her fair share of ministry duties?
