

## From Sea to See From Desert to Destiny

Exodus 18:13-21

1. Deliverance provides opportunities for change

2. We can learn through the example of Moses and Jethro the importance of fellowship and listening to the advice of others

*"Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God. Aaron and all the elders of Israel came out and joined him in a sacrificial meal in God's presence."  
Exodus 18:12 (NIV)*

*"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,"  
James 1:19 (NIV)*

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**Please feel free to come down to the front  
for prayer after service.**

**"...pray for one another..." James 5:16**

Who is the individual, couple, or family that the Lord is challenging you to invite to your home?

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## Process for Taking Advice

*"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. . . Moses listened to his father-in-law's advice and followed his suggestions."*  
Exodus 18:19 & 24 (NLT)

- **Receive what the person is saying to you**
- **Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and discernment**

### 3. **Delegation provides a freedom for living**

- **Properly evaluate your priorities**
- **Failure to do so is unwise and unhealthy**

*"So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, 'We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word.' Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith). These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid*

*their hands on them. So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too."*  
Acts 6:2-7 (NLT)

### 4. **Discipleship provides the greatest opportunity for spiritual growth**

*"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."*  
Exodus 18:20-21 (NLT)

*"Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, 'The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.'"   
Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)*