

“EXODUS: A GLIMPSE OF GOD – GOD USES RELATIONSHIPS”

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MEMORY VERSE

You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. (Exodus 18:18)

1. **GOD HAS CALLED YOU.**

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” (John 12:32)

A. IN SPITE OF YOUR BEST EFFORTS, YOU NEED HELP.

B. YOU NEED WHAT ONLY GOD CAN OFFER.

2. **GOD WANTS TO BE YOUR MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP.**

Then 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 come upon them in the way, and how the Lord had delivered them. (Exodus 18:8)

A. GOD IS LOVE:

i. IN SPIRIT

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:3)

ii. IN THE FLESH

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. (1 John 4:9)

3. **GOD USES COMMUNITY TO LOVE EACH OTHER.**

“If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.” (Exodus 18:23)

A. WHEN WE ARE WEAK, WE ARE MADE STRONG THROUGH JESUS.

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)

GOING DEEPER

1. Who is in your community? Who do you have around you that you can pray with, talk about faith with, and even serve with? Pray that God would strengthen your community, or help you find people to be on His mission with.
2. Read Matthew 11:28-30. Notice the similarities between what Jesus says, and Jethro's suggestions to Moses. They both suggest that the load is too heavy for us, but that God provides the help and support, most significantly, through Jesus! What would it look like, if you really gave your load to Jesus. Try it out!