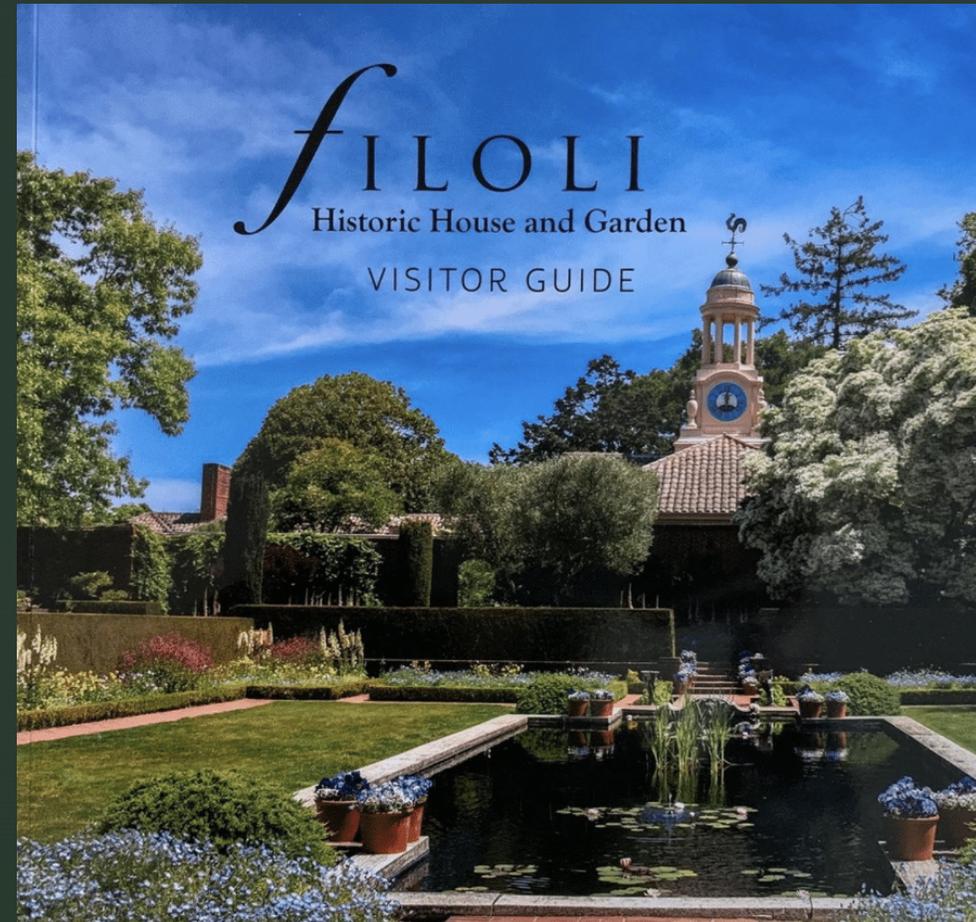


Exodus 17:8 – 18:27

▶ **Spiritual Keys  
To Life  
Management**

# FiLoSe

- Filoli: Fight, Love, Live
- Exodus 17-18: Fight, Love, Serve





Exodus 17:8-15

**Elevate Your Arms:  
Let The Lord  
Fight Your Battles**

## ▶ We Need God's Direction To Fight Our Battles

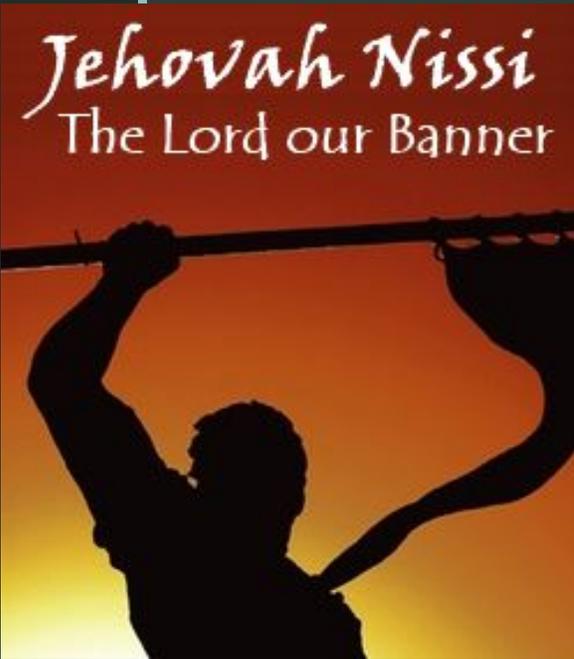
- <sup>9</sup> So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.” <sup>10</sup> So Joshua did as Moses told him





# We Need Mutual Support To Keep The Faith

- <sup>11</sup> Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. <sup>12</sup> But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.



# We Need God's Presence To Be Victorious

- <sup>15</sup> And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord Is My Banner, <sup>16</sup> saying, "A hand upon the throne of the Lord! The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

# A Civil War Flag



- The Battle Of Antietam
- 125<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry
- Sgt. **George Simpson** killed
- Pvt. Boblitz retrieved & killed
- Sgt. Greenland retrieved & returned



Exodus 18:1-12

**Embrace With Arms:  
Rejoice In Your Salvation  
With Your Family**



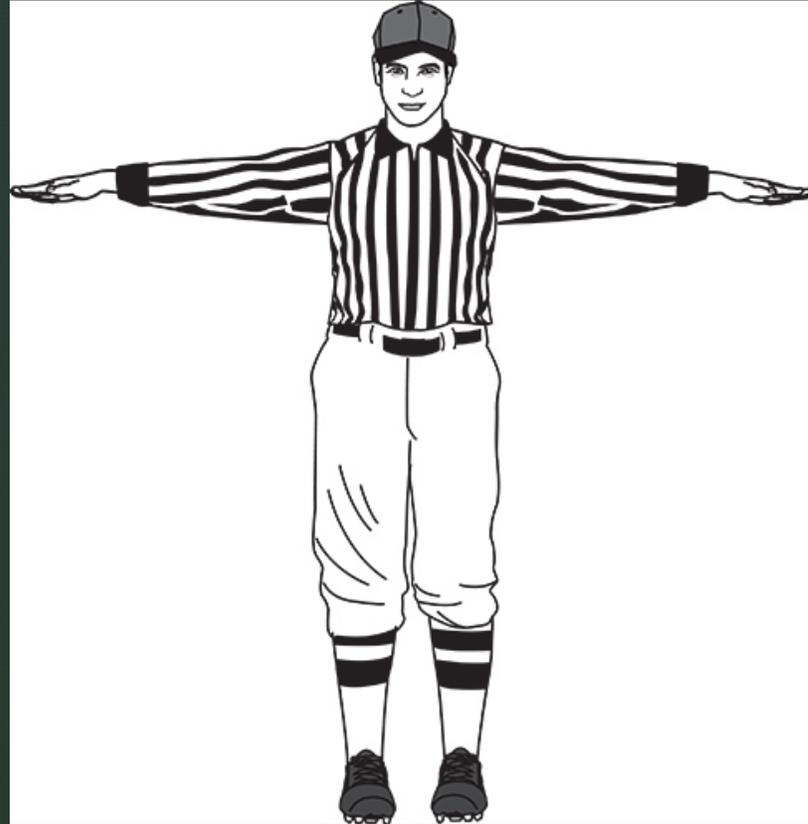
## Recount God's Deliverance With Your Family

- <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> And Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.



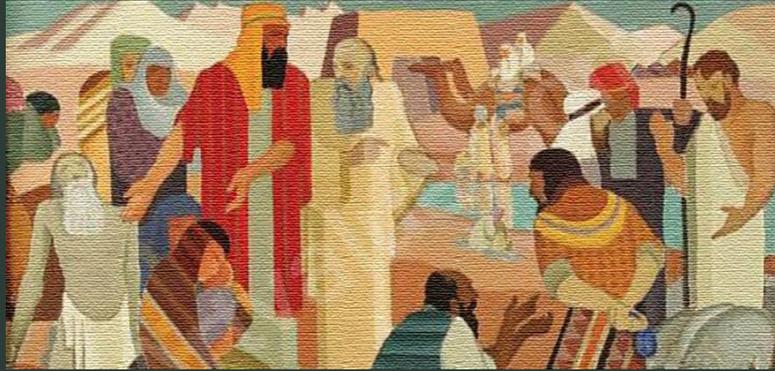
# Rejoice In God's Deliverance In Our Victory

- <sup>10</sup> Jethro said, “Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. <sup>11</sup> Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people.”



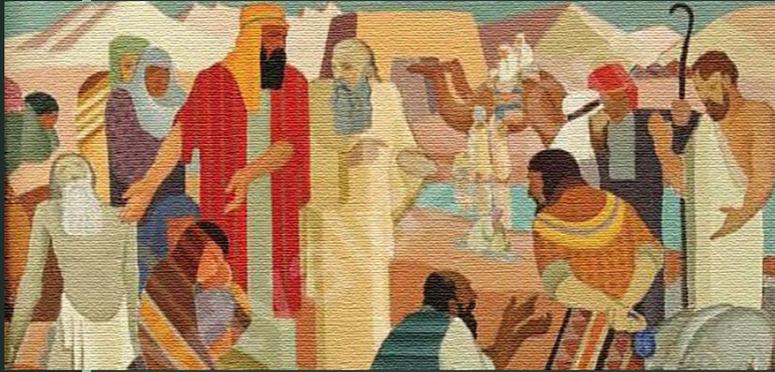
Exodus 18:13-27

# Extend Your Arms: Share The Burden Of Ministries



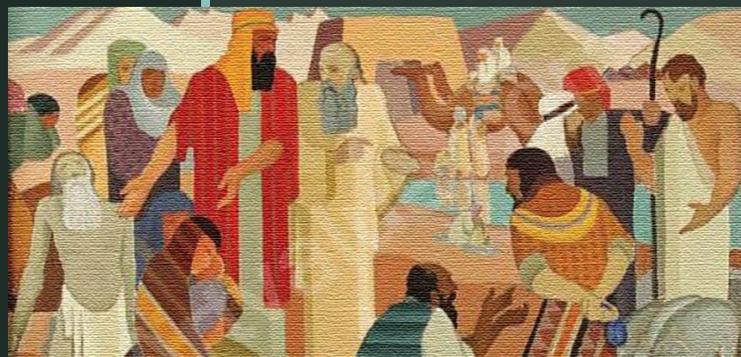
## Objective Observations Should Be Shared With Compassion

- <sup>13</sup> The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. <sup>14</sup> When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?"



# Being Over-Worked and Burnt-Out Isn't Good Even In God's Work

- <sup>17</sup> Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup> 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.



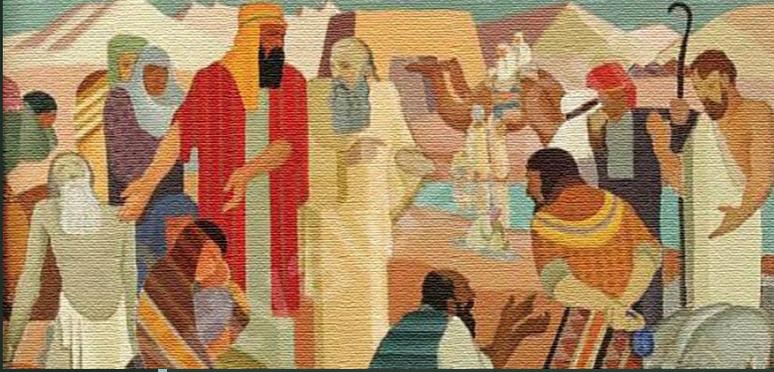
# Criticism Is Just A Gripe Without A Given Solution And God's Enablement

- **19a** Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you!



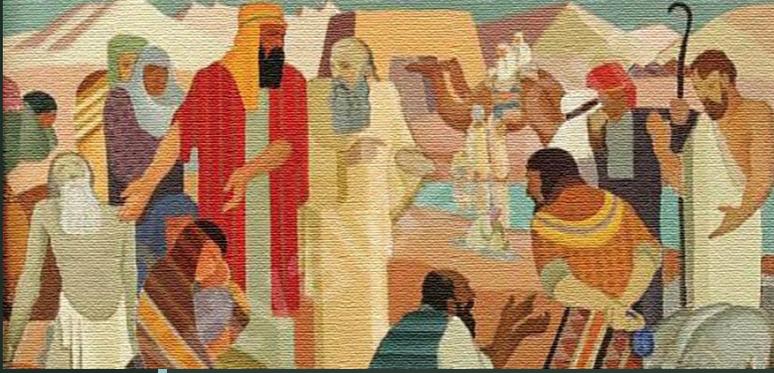
# Jethro vs. Korah

<b>Jethro (Exodus 18)</b>	<b>Korah (Numbers 16)</b>
Brought problem to Moses	Brought accusation against Moses
Concerned for Moses	Power-play against Moses
Dealt with Moses personally	Ganged up against Moses conspiring
Suggested 100's of trustworthy leaders to work with Moses	Gathered 250 prominent leaders to oppose Moses and Aaron
Proposed a solution	Complained without a solution
Overcame a real problem	Convinced selves there was a problem
Accomplished God's will	Opposed God's will



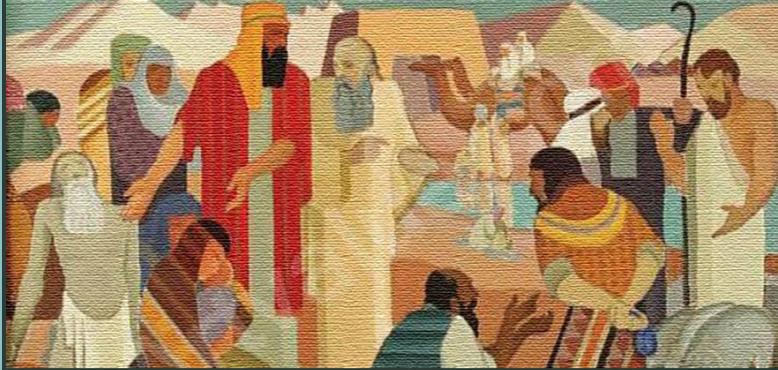
# The Priority Of Ministry Is About Teaching And Applying God's Word

- <sup>19b</sup> You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, <sup>20</sup> and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do.



# Select A Team Of Those Who Fear God And Have Integrity

- <sup>21</sup> Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.



# Sharing The Load Is Good For Everyone

- <sup>25</sup> Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. <sup>26</sup> And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves.

# Conclusion

- Let us **mutually bear** the challenges of faith in warfare.
- Let us **rejoicingly share** in God's victories.
- Let us **collectively care** for the ministry needs of others.

# Discussion

- What battle do we need to stop fighting and let God fight for us?
- What recent “deliverance” can we tell our family and friends about? How is God the Hero and not us?
- What life situation or ministry do we need to accept help with?