

REAL MEN NEED _____!

Exodus 17:8 – 18:26

In the passage before us today we see that Moses was a real man who needed help.

Let's take a look at two situations and see what they reveal about teamwork.

I. HELP FOR UNEXPECTED TROUBLES (17:8-16)

- An attack from without.

A. THE SITUATION (8)

1. The Amalekites attack the rear of Israel's ranks - See Deut. 25:17-18
2. This is an unprovoked and unexpected attack on people unprepared for war

B. THE RESPONSE (9)

1. A quick response is needed
2. Moses suggests a plan

C. THE HELPERS (10-12)

1. Joshua (10a) *Note: Real men hold swords!*
2. Aaron and Hur (10b-12) *Note: Real men hold hands!*
 - a. They understood the situation (11)
 - b. They assisted the leader (12)
 - c. They did not try to usurp his leadership or replace him as the holder of the rod

D. THE RESULT (13-16)

1. Israel is victorious (13)
2. God is honored (14-16)
3. Moses discovers teamwork

II. HELP FOR OVERWHELMING WORK (18:13-26)

- An Attack from Within

A. THE SITUATION (13-15)

1. Court is in session (13a)
2. Waiting lines are long (13b)
3. People expect answers (15)

B. THE RESPONSE (16)

1. Moses judges men's cases (16a)
2. And Moses teaches God's statutes (16b)

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C. THE HELPERS (14-23)

1. Jethro (14-23)
 - a. An objective observer (14)
 - b. A wise discerner (17-18)
 - c. A vocal advisor (19-22)
 - d. A submissive counselor (23)
2. Able Men (21-22)
 - Those with good and godly character and conduct

D. THE RESULT (24-26)

1. Jethro's advise is heeded (24)
 - A real man admits when the system is broken
2. Others share in the judging responsibilities (25-26)
 - a. This evokes talent and recognizes other's giftedness
 - b. This helps them share the burden and the blessings
 - c. This will drive them to a deeper walk with God
 - d. This provides for times when Moses is gone

III. SOME PRINCIPLES FOR REAL MEN

A. MEN WHO NEED HELP MUST BE HUMBLE

1. He will know his limitations (17:9)
2. He listens to advice (18:24)
3. He believes others can do things well (18:25-26)

B. MEN WHO GIVE HELP MUST BE WILLING

1. Willing to fight like Joshua (17:10)
2. Willing to assist in spiritual duty like Aaron and Hur (17:12)
3. Willing to give good advice like Jethro (18:14-23)
4. Willing to provide sound judgment like "able men" (18:21-22)
5. Willing to labor together for God! - I Cor. 3:9 "We are God's fellow workers"

C. MEN WHO RECEIVE HELP MUST BE WORSHIPFUL

1. Give God the glory for victories (17:14-15)
2. Consideration of God's will is essential (18:23)

CONCLUSION:

Godly men need help!

**Godly men must lead their families, churches and communities
but lean on others to assist them along the way.**