

Encounter these verses today:

Circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...



Exodus 18 [NIV]

:: Jethro Visits With Moses ::

¹³ The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. ¹⁴ When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"

¹⁵ Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. ¹⁶ Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws."

¹⁷ Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹ Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰ Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. ²¹ But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²² Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. ²³ If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

²⁴ Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said.

²⁷ Then Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and Jethro returned to his own country.



What is God speaking to you this morning ...



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[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 6.21.2010

Reading: Isaiah 55:8-9

As we seek the Lord together, we must remember that His ways are much higher than our best laid plans and ideas.

Think about it:

Remembering the steadfast leadership that Jethro displayed to Moses, how can we apply God's ways into our path today?

Pray for: *Families: Brandt & Brelinski*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 6.22.2010

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

What must we be rooted in? What guides us through life's ups and downs? How do we show a world around us that God is the one True God?

Think about it:

The answer to these questions and more is ... love. How is your leadership in love going today?

Pray for: *Families: Breznau & Brisbin*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 6.23.2010

Reading: Joshua 24:1-15

How can anyone deny the work of God in Israel by reading this recount of their story. God has led them from their beginning days and has brought them into the Promised Land.

Think about it:

After God has reminded you of His faithfulness to you, would He also know where you stand? Is there any question about your loyalty to His leadership today?

Pray for: *Families: Brooks & Bugbee*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 6.24.2010

Reading: Mark 1:35-39

We all understand the power of Jesus. We hear the stories of turning water into wine, bringing back the dead, delivering people from demons, healing the sick and so much more.

Think about it:

The demand on Jesus was great. But his passion for prayer and connection with His Father was greater. The source of His strength is seen through His passion for prayer.

Pray for: *Families: Burba & Campbell*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 6.25.2010

Reading: John 12:42-43

What do you enjoy more ... doing what is right in God's eyes ... or doing what will bring you the most praise?

Think about it:

As a leader in your home, at work, in our church and throughout the community, we must be doing what is right ... not what is popular. How does this impact your daily life?

Pray for: *Families: Cannon & Cavanaugh*

Reflections: _____

Saturday: 6.26.2010

Reading: Hebrews 11:32-38

We will continue to look at Everyday Heroes tomorrow as we gather for worship. Hebrews 11 highlights men and women who did extraordinary things even though they were ordinary people.

Think about it:

One thing we must fight against (me included) is the belief that being a "hero" in the faith will result in success. Many hero's in God's eyes failed in the world's eyes. What would you rather experience?

Pray for: *Families: D. Christiansen & T. Christiansen*

Reflections: _____

