

A Successful Beginning

God's Exodus People

Exodus 17:8-18:27

“A healthy community of faith relies on God’s power, tells others about God, and shares the work of ministry.”

–Tony Merida, *Exalting Jesus in Exodus*

Prayer

God empower us.

(Exodus 17:8-16)

Genesis 25:23

The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.” (NIV®)

Prayer: God empower us

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- ✦ God powers our church as we pray.

Mission

God use us.

(Exodus 18:1-12)

Exodus 9:16

But I have raised you up for
this very purpose, that I
might show you my power
and that my name might be
proclaimed in all the earth. (NIV®)

Mission: God use us

- ✦ God uses Moses to tell God's story.

Exodus 18:8

Moses told his father-in-law
about everything the LORD had
done to Pharaoh and the
Egyptians for Israel's sake and
about all the hardships they had
met along the way and how the
LORD had saved them. (NIV®)

Exodus 18:9-11a

Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the Lord had done for Israel in rescuing them from the hand of the Egyptians. He said, “Praise be to the Lord, who rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh, and who rescued the people from the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all other gods...” (NIV®)

Exodus 18:12

Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat a meal with Moses' father-in-law in the presence of God. (NIV®)

Mission: God use us

- ✦ God uses Moses to tell God's story.
- ✦ God uses us to tell the story of Jesus.

Teamwork

God help us.

(Exodus 8:13-27)

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- ✦ God helps Moses share his responsibilities so he can prioritize.
- ✦ God helps us work together so we can build the kingdom of Jesus.

God empower us.

God use us.

God help us. Amen.