

## Exodus 18:14-23

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 instructions.”

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 his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. 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.”

### Notes

### Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. While Moses is well-intentioned to serve the people, he is wearing himself out, as his father-in-law shares with him. Reflect on a season when you had good intentions but were working beyond your human limits.
2. How does Moses respond to Jethro’s concerns and ideas? What have you found to be healthy for processing feedback from others?
3. What are your next steps for living within your limitations as an apprentice of your master Jesus?

## Family Business

### Upcoming:

#### Sunday 2/16

8:45 am – Service / Sanctuary

9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 am – Service / Sanctuary

7:00 pm – Worship / Sanctuary

#### Tuesday 2/18

6:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study / Room 015

#### Wednesday 2/19

10:00 am – Mom’s Play Group / Nursery

6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym

6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal / Bell Choir Room

7:15 pm – Chancel Choir / Choir Room

#### Thursday 2/20

11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Chapel

#### Friday 2/21

12:00 pm – Women’s Table Talk / Room 114

6:00 pm – Children’s Ministry Art Night / Youth Lounge

**Hiring a Communications Coordinator:** With the coming retirement of our Communications Specialist, Robin Jaques, we are beginning the search for a 20-hour a week Communications Coordinator to serve on our staff. Please forward the job posting (on our website or Indeed) to people in your network who might be a fit!

**Children’s Ministry Art Night:** Calling all young artists (ages 5-12) and their families! Join us for a fun-filled evening of imagination and creativity on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm in the Youth Lounge. Space is limited, so don’t wait—registration ends today!

**Pastor’s Book Club:** Our next Pastor’s Book Club reading is Peter Scazzero’s *Emotional Healthy Discipleship*. We will meet on Wednesday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. in the library to discuss what it means to be deeply transformed as apprentices of God. The book can be purchased on Amazon.

**New to First and Calvary?** Welcome! Please take a gift bag at our exits for some goodies and to learn more about our church. Please connect with us by signing the Friendship Pad in the pew. Children are always welcome in the service; worship bags for children are available at each entrance. Parents are welcome to use the Baby Break Room and a nursery on our first floor. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are welcome to attend our Worship and Wonder program after the Children’s message; check in at the station near the sanctuary exit at the front left.

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# MAKING MOSES

*Exploring Moses’ Apprenticeship*



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**FIRST & CALVARY**  
a house of prayer for every generation

# The House of Prayer

## Prelude

### Call to Worship | Tyler Heckman Rory Munder

Leader: Come, bow down and worship,

**All: kneel to the Lord, our Maker.**

This is our God, our shepherd,  
**we are the flock led with care.**

—Psalm 95:6-7, TP

### \*Opening Hymn

*62 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

Music: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts, 1839

### Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Hymn 817

*Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord*

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1

Music: George Whelpton

### Declaration of Forgiveness

The old life has gone;

a new life has begun.

Know that in Jesus,

God embraces you, forgives you,

and strengthens you

to live a renewed life.

**Thanks be to God.**

—based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

### Hymn 805

*Glory be to the Father*

Words: Gloria Patri

Music: Henry Greatorex

### Time for Children | Chip Sheppard

*Jesus Loves Me*

*Oh How I Love Jesus*

*Children who have checked into Worship & Wonder may be released after this time.*

### Scripture | Exodus 18:14-23

*See Scripture Panel*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem | Faith Zimmer

*Only the Beginning*

Words and Music: Faith Zimmer

### Sermon | Rev. Jamie Swope

*You Are Not Able To Do It Alone*

### Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn No. 14*

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And  
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Invitation to Offering

*Feel free to use the offering plates or contact the church for online or direct deposit  
giving. Guests, please do not feel obligated.*

### Offertory | Chancel Choir

*Where Two or Three Are Gathered*

Words: Matthew 18:20, additional text by Kinley Lange

Music: Kinley Lange

### \*Doxology

*Hymn 809*

### \*Offering Prayer

### \*Closing Hymn

*297 Spirit of the Living God*

Words: Daniel Iverson, vs. 1, 1926; Michael Baughen, cs. 2, 1978

Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

*841 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*

Words: John Newton, 1799

Music: Corner's Gesangbuch, 1631

### \*Postlude