

EXODUS

PART 2: IDENTITY



FEBRUARY 17, 2018 | **PERSONAL** GROWTH GUIDE

The Ministry of Elders

Exodus 18

Message Big Idea

Godly leadership is of greater worth than gifted leadership.

Reading Plan and Prayer Journal

Through the conversion of Jethro and the work of God through Moses, the Israelites begin to see a new type of government being established. God intentionally puts a system into place to remind His people that spiritual leadership is vital to the health of His holy nation. In the same way, God calls His people today to live a life of selfless servant leadership. Through the scripture readings

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties upon Him, because He cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:6-7

this week, use the **OPA** method of study to help open up the words of scripture as you read and journal:

- **Observation** - Write down all of the facts found in this passage. You should be able to write down a bunch of observations. Start with simple thoughts and then write down bigger and more broad observations about the passage.
- **Principles** - Next, draw out some principles from the observations that you made. What is God teaching his people through this passage? What are guiding principles that God might want to teach readers as they take in the words of this passage? What is God trying to teach you?

- **Application** - How will you apply these principles to your life? Be as specific as you can. What will you do today to make these principles and lessons stick?

Monday: Exodus 18:1-27

Tuesday: 1 Peter 5:1-11

Wednesday: Philippians 2:1-11

Thursday: Psalm 121:1-8

Friday: Psalm 25:1-22

Saturday: Exodus 18:1-27

Daily Prayer Guide

This week as your take time to pray and journal each day, open your Bible to **Matthew 6:9-13**.

Maybe you've memorized this prayer, but take time to actually read it and to pray it out loud. As you pray, think about each line of the prayer and take time to put your own words to the scripture.

Instead of simply saying, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." take time to tell him how he is Holy, express his greatness. Do the same for each sentence in the prayer. How do you need his will done this week? What is the daily bread you are seeking? What are the debts you need forgiven and who do you need to forgive? Take time to write out your prayers and your thoughts each day and then at the end of the week, look back through the prayers to see how God has moved.