

Sunday, September 8, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 18: God's Best Leaders

Exodus 18:1-27

*As mentioned in the message, much of this week's content originates with Pastor Larry Osborne's teaching, writing, and preaching on Leadership & Exodus 18.

Moses was a **<u>GREAT</u>** leader! (Deuteronomy 34:10)

He pointed forward to Jesus... (Jesus is a greater Moses) Hebrews 3:1-6

Everyone leads... even if it's only themselves

Great leaders...

are **TEACHABLE**, (v. 24)

They will learn from God

Proverbs 8:33

Proverbs 27:6; 17

They will learn from anyone

Proverbs 12:15; 19:20

teach, equip, and **EMPOWER** others, (v. 19-26)

2 Timothy 2:2 Ephesians 4:11-13 1 Peter 2:9 1 Corinthians 1:11-17

to multiply effectiveness

to avoid burnout (it's not a badge of honor...) Numbers 11:14-17; Deuteronomy 1:7-14

prioritize their **FAMILY**, (v. 5-6)

1 Timothy 5:8 1 Timothy 3:4-5

set healthy **BOUNDARIES**, (v. 22)

Acts 6:1-4 Mark 1:32-38

and know <u>CHARACTER</u> matters more than <u>TALENT</u>. (v. 21)

1 Timothy 3:1-13 Titus 1:5-9



Welcome to the Fall Session!

1. Welcome to the Fall Session of Life Groups! As we kick things off, take time to get to know each other: *What's your favorite fall memory?* What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

- 2. Most of us have two or three leaders we respect and admire, whether it's a boss, teacher, coach, co-worker or friend. What are one or two character qualities that stand out to you about them?
- 3. Of the five descriptions of a great leader in this week's message, which one stands out the most to you? Why?
- 4. **Read Exodus 18:1-27.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

5. All of us would want to be known as being confident in what we do and how we live life. It would also be safe to say that none of us would want to be known as arrogant, stubborn and unwilling to change when needed. This is why this weekend's statement that "great leaders are teachable" is so important, not just in leadership but also in our personal lives. How might the following verses help each of us evaluate if we have a "teachable" spirit?

Proverbs 12:1 Proverbs 28:13 James 1:19 2 Timothy 2:15

- 6. Is there one of these you need to pay more attention to than the others?
- 7. A key part of knowing how to set boundaries and avoid burnout is not only knowing what to say no to, but also evaluating if you're saying yes to the right things. How would the following verses help you know what you should start or stop doing to live as God as called us to?

Luke 10:27 Matthew 28:19-20 Colossians 3:23

- 8. What might be some challenges in knowing how to have healthy boundaries and avoid burnout while putting these verses into action?
- 9. J Looking back at the traits of a great leader rom this weekend's teaching, is there one you'd especially like to focus on and have prayer for this fall?
- 10. As we begin this Fall Session of Life Groups, what are one or two things that you're looking forward to?

PRAYER GUIDE

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Grace Lutheran Church in Syracuse.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Exodus 18:17-23 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

17 **Moses'** father-in-**law said** to him, "What you are **doing** is not **good**. 18 You and the **people** with you will **certainly** wear yourselves out, for the **thing** is too **heavy** for you. You are not **able** to **do** it **alone**. 19 Now **obey** my **voice**; I will **give** you **advice**, and God be with you! You shall **represent** the **people** before God and **bring** their **cases** to God, 20 and you shall **warn** them about the **statutes** and the **laws**, and **make** them **know** the way in which they must **walk** and what they must **do**. 21 **Moreover, look** for **able** men

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