

CHOSEN TO SERVE GOD'S PURPOSES

WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE?

1. RESCUING people from slavery and moving them into freedom.
2. EQUIPPING His people to live lives in alignment with His Word.
3. INVITING His people to join Him on His mission.

WHAT DOES MOSES' LIFE TEACH US ABOUT SERVING GOD'S PURPOSE?

1. **Don't be surprised when God invites you to do something outside of your EXPERIENCE and COMFORT ZONE.**

The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. Exodus 18:13

2. **There is a LEARNING CURVE in serving God's purpose.**

When Moses' father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he asked, "What are you really accomplishing here? Why are you trying to do all this alone while everyone stands around you from morning till evening?" Moses replied, "Because the people come to me to get a ruling from God. ¹⁶ When a dispute arises, they come to me, and I am the one who settles the case between the quarreling parties. I inform the people of God's decrees and give them his instructions." "This is not good!" Moses' father-in-law exclaimed. ¹⁸ "You're going to wear yourself out – and the people, too. This job is too heavy a burden for you to handle all by yourself.

Exodus 18:14-18

3. **God's purpose requires SHARED leadership through MULTIPLE environments.**

Now listen to me, and let me give you a word of advice, and may God be with you. You should continue to be the people's representative before God, bringing their disputes to him. ²⁰ Teach them God's decrees, and give them his instructions. Show them how to conduct their lives. ²¹ But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. Appoint them

as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten. ²² They should always be available to solve the people's common disputes, but have them bring the major cases to you. Let the leaders decide the smaller matters themselves. They will help you carry the load, making the task easier for you. Exodus 18:19-2

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12

4. **Doing God's work God's way produces HIS RESULTS.**

They should always be available to solve the people's common disputes, but have them bring the major cases to you. Let the leaders decide the smaller matters themselves. They will help you carry the load, making the task easier for you. ²³ If you follow this advice, and if God commands you to do so, then you will be able to endure the pressures, and all these people will go home in peace."

²⁴ Moses listened to his father-in-law's advice and followed his suggestions. ²⁵ He chose capable men from all over Israel and appointed them as leaders over the people. He put them in charge of groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten. ²⁶ These men were always available to solve the people's common disputes. They brought the major cases to Moses, but they took care of the smaller matters themselves. ²⁷ Soon after this, Moses said good-bye to his father-in-law, who returned to his own land. Exodus 18:22-27

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. 1 Corinthians 15:58

5. **HOW DO WE OBEY EXODUS 18 IN 2017?**

- a. Which PEOPLE GROUP is God inviting you to serve?
- b. Don't let what you DON'T KNOW stop you from accepting His invitation.
- c. Serving God's purpose produces SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT that benefits every area of your life.

FINAL THOUGHT: God is inviting you, to be on mission with Him, to serve our city. Chets Creek Church is organized to give you multiple ways to be on His mission in our city.