Cayucos Community Church Sermon Notes: 11-22-2020, Pastor Dale James

Walk the (Covid-19) Wilderness with Moses, pt 14: Don't Go It Alone

Exodus 18

Have you ever felt overwhelmed?

An Encounter with a Father-in-law (1-12)

Something is going on as its repeated 13 times

Off to a good start: reunion, celebration, sacrifice

The challenge of being overwhelmed (13-16)

Holding up the rod vs. handling people's problems

How do you feel when someone jumps in to fix your overwhelmedness?

Armpits and elbows into solving disagreements

Unsolicited advice

Overwhelmed to Amply supplied (18-23)

Speculation: what was Moses thinking?

What was the advice?

- 1) When overwhelmed, share the load
- 2) Character and heart matter
- 3) Serve with your gifts and talents

Facing overwhelming situations previously unmet

Humility leads to productivity (24-26)

Moses listens, and surrenders any defensiveness that arose within him; he acts on the advice.

Humble people see and embrace wisdom and accomplish great things.

The arrogant self-protect and do stupid stuff.

An elaborate plan – and it works. Not all do.

God brings people into our lives for different purposes and seasons (27)

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