



In Sync with God

Exodus 1:7-27

The Big Idea: Time is your most valuable asset. Invest it well. Invest it in something bigger than your lifetime.

The Bottom Line: Only do what only you can do.

Review:

The first week, I said there's something more important than knowing what time it is. It's knowing what to do with your time. It really doesn't matter what time it is if you aren't using your time wisely. So, we decided to pray:

“Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12)

The second week, we talked about how to expand our capacity. The key to getting more done is not adding. It's prioritizing. The principle: Priority determines capacity.

Last week, I spoke about making frequent deposits and compounding minutes. How small deposits over time are the best use of your time.

Introduction:

Today, I want to speak with you about the “less is more” principle.

When I was young, I thought the best thing for me was to get better at what I was bad at and to focus on my weaknesses and wing it in the area of my strengths.

Tension:

I've come to learn how foolish that is.

In case you leave early: **Your fully exploited strengths are of far more value to your organization than your marginally improved weaknesses.** The less you do, the more you accomplish.

Truth:

Background: 1500 BC (3,522 years ago) – Moses has led the people out of Egypt. They have been out about four months. Two million people and no law. No organization, just Moses. He spoke for God. Whenever there was a dispute, they went to Moses.

So, they travel to Mount Sinai, where they will receive the law. And while they are there, Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, comes to visit, bringing Moses’ wife and kids.

Read: Exodus 18:7-27

Jethro’s message to Moses was not simply “Delegate!” It was narrower than that.

Jethro’s message was “Moses, ONLY DO WHAT ONLY YOU CAN DO.”

Playing to your strengths requires four things:

1. Discover what you are not good at and look for ways to eliminate those items from your schedule.
2. Identify the areas where you make the greatest contribution.
3. Give your BEST time to what makes the BIGGEST impact.
4. Develop other leaders.

Great leaders say, “I’ll let you make that decision” a lot.

Application:

The New Testament teaches that we’ve all been designed with special abilities. We are all better at some things than others.

As you discover those “gifts,” and as you get yourself in places where you are able to lean into them more fully, you will be more productive, more fulfilled.

And ... you will be working in sync with the way God designed you to work.

Conclusion:

You will be doing what you were created to do.

Next Steps:

- Memorize Exodus 18:23.
- Only do what only you can do.

Discussion questions for group this week:

1.What does this teach me about God?

2.What does this teach me about me?

3.How do I apply this to my life?

4.If I could ask a question about this it would be....