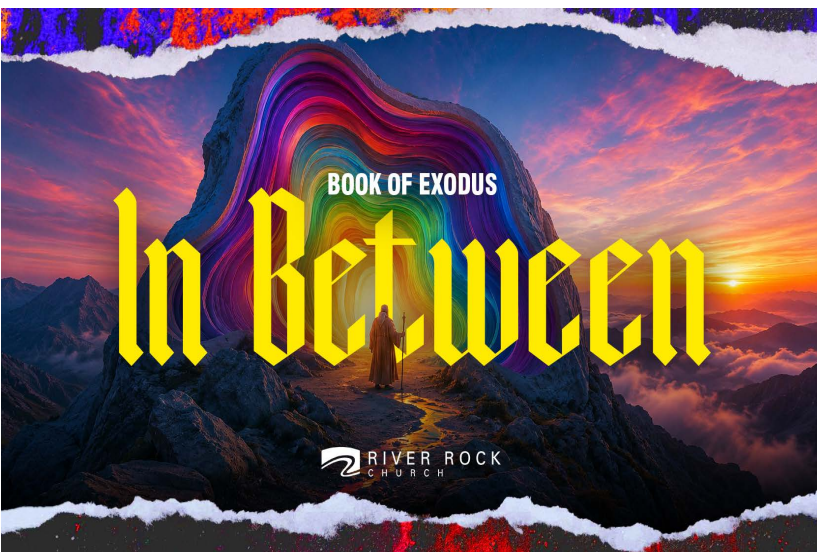


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NEXT STEPS



Exodus Series "The In Between"

Exodus 18:13-27

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. Looking back at Exodus 18:15–16, how did Moses frame his situation, and where do you notice a subtle shift from faithful service to self-reliance in his reasoning?
2. Jethro bluntly told Moses, "What you are doing is not good... you will only wear yourself out" (v. 17–18). Why do you think it is often so hard for us to recognize our own exhaustion or burnout until someone else points it out to us? Who in your life has permission to give you that kind of honest feedback?
3. Delegation and inviting community into our lives sounds simple, but it's rarely easy. What is usually your primary barrier to asking for help or letting go of control—is it fear of losing quality, a desire to feel needed, or simply feeling like explaining it takes more time than doing it yourself?
4. When we act like everything depends on us, we can inadvertently set up an unhealthy system (at work, home, or church) or portray a "weak God" who needs us to do it all. How does admitting our limits honor God and uplift the people around us?
5. Jethro's core advice was "This was never meant to be done alone." What is one practical weight, responsibility, or "in-between" struggle you are holding right now that you need to share with God and invite community into this week?