

JETHRO | WEEK 1 PASTOR CODY JOHNSON

You don't have to be famous to make a difference.

When we have the opportunity to share wisdom with someone, we _____back _____away ____.

Why do we back away? We're terrified.

If we don't step into an opportunity to share wisdom, we may miss an opportunity to save a life.

How can we share wisdom using Jethro's approach?

1. Build a _____ relationship _____ with the intent to _____ serve _____

"And where is he?" Reuel (Jethro) asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat." *Exodus 2*:20

Jethro had sent word to him, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons." *Exodus* 18:6

2. Observe

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?" *Exodus* 18:14

"He **watches** as his son-in-law takes his seat as judge. He **sees** long lines of people stretching out beyond the tent, waiting to get inside to hear Moses' counsel." — Charles R. Swindoll

3. Ask _____ questions _____ and _____ listen

"Listening is only powerful and effective if it is authentic. Authenticity means that you are listening because you are curious and because you care, not just because you are supposed to." — Difficult Conversations by Stone, Patton, and Heen

4. Speak the truth in love

We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. *Ephesians* 4:15

"This is not good!" Moses' father-in-law exclaimed. "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. Now listen to me, and let me give you a **word of advice**..." *Exodus* 18:17-19

5. Deliver the _____ wisdom

"...and may God be with you." Exodus 18:19

"Son, I'm going to tell you what I think might work better for you. But **may God give you the wisdom** to do what's right." - Charles R. Swindoll

Who will you be Jethro to in your life?

