

Jethro's "Now I Know" Moment Exodus 18:1-12

Now I know that the LORD is _____ than all other gods (Ex. 18:11)

What led to this "Now I know" conversion moment for Jethro?

I. Humility and Hospitality (Love)

[7] Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent.

Ordinarily a great man would wait in his tent to receive a guest—and Moses had become a great man!

Yet he _____ himself by going out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down in respect to him

Then he gave his father-in-law a warm, affectionate embrace.

Moses invited him into the tent (middle-eastern hospitality)

Love sets the table for _____

II. Hearing the Good News of Salvation (Truth)

*[8] Then Moses told his father-in-law **all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the LORD had delivered them.***

Moses' shared the good news of God's _____!

The most important thing about what Moses said is how **thoroughly God-centered** it was!!

Nothing he said was very _____ about himself or the people.

The exodus was all about what _____ had done!

Christians have a similar _____ to tell because our salvation is all about God

The story starts with our bondage to _____

We are sinful by nature and by _____!

Jesus saved us through his death on the cross.

The crucifixion and resurrection of Christ brought us from death to _____, from slavery to _____! ***"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal 6:14)***

Moses was both loving and truthful and Jethro got the message!

He heard Moses tell the story of salvation and he put his _____ in the God of Israel.

III. Faith in Yahweh leads to Joy & Praise

1. FAITH

Jethro came to a clear and certain _____ that *Yahweh* was the one true and supreme God

"Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly" (v.11). This was Jethro's _____ of his conversion!

Jethro had spent his entire life worshipping other gods, but now he knew the _____!

Now it was clear to him that the God of Israel was infinitely _____.

Do you have the kind of faith that Jethro had?

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Can you say, "Now I know that Jesus Christ is greater than all other gods"?

2. JOY

Genuine _____ in Jesus always leads to deep joy

[9] Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the LORD had done

He had an overwhelming sense of joy and delight

God gives the same _____ to everyone who comes to faith in Christ.

The joy of the Lord is your _____! (Nehemiah 8:10)

3. PRAISE

[10] Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians."

The _____ of missions and evangelism is to add more worshippers of the one true God
Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. (James 5)

As soon as Jethro got saved, he could not stop giving _____ to the LORD

[9] Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the LORD had done

[10] He said, "Praise be the LORD who rescued you out of the hand of the Egyptians."

[11] Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods

He could not stop _____ in the LORD

4. Jethro Joined a Worshipping Community

[12] And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

Evangelism leads first to worship and then to _____

Jews sharing bread with a Gentile

What makes this meal so _____ is that Jethro was a Midianite and thus one of Israel's ancient enemies. In Numbers 25:17, God told the Israelites to "*treat the Midianites as enemies and kill them.*"

The salvation of Jethro the Midianite shows how God was working out his plan of salvation for the _____.

God said to Pharaoh that he was bringing his people out of Egypt so "*that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth*" (Exod. 9:16)

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And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,

for you were _____, and by your _____ you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,

and they shall reign on the earth."