



Finding God's Grace in Our Mistakes

Exodus 2:11-25

Second in a 15-part series titled: *Divergent: What in the World Do We Do Now?*

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My Notes from Today's Sermon:

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Today's Big Idea:

Grace means I'm not defined by my greatest mistake.

This Week's Book Recommendation:

[*Spectacular Sins and their Global Purpose in the Glory of Christ*](#) by John Piper

For Deeper Study

According to [Exodus 2:16-21](#), Moses' father-in-law was *Reuel*, a Midianite priest. Compare Reuel (described in Exodus 2:21) with the man mentioned in [Exodus 3:1](#), [4:1](#), and [18:1-27](#). What was his other name? Scholars believe one may have been a proper name and the other a title, or (perhaps) a surname.

Reuel was a priest of Yahweh, a wise and godly descendant of Abraham (through Midian's line), who maintained Abraham's teachings. In [Exodus 18:9-12](#), he led the sacrificial ritual in Aaron's presence, with the other elders coming to eat bread and fellowship with him. Another example of this is seen in what his daughter, Moses' wife, did in [Exodus 4:24-26](#). This reminds us that God has raised up followers for Himself outside of Jacob's lineage, as was the case with famous priest Melchizedek.

According to [Exodus 18:1-27](#), what impact did Reuel have on Moses? By impacting Moses, what role did he play in God's plan of redemption as seen in the Old Testament? What aspects of his good advice have carried over to the way we structure the New Testament church today?