



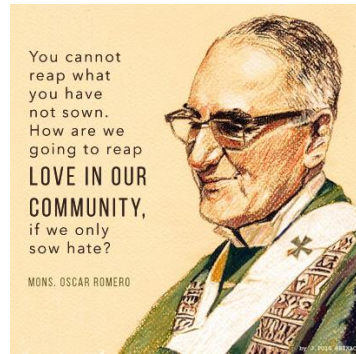
Becoming a Courageous Christian  
Exodus 18:1-27 (NIV)

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**EXAMPLE FOR US: Oscar Romero**

**ASK YOURSELF:**

Will you step into the new shoes Christ offers you this morning?



**1. Courageous Christians are grounded in \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>13</sup> *The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. (v. 13)*

**Have you thought:**

➤ **“I’m the only one who can... \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*(Fill in the Blank)*

➤ **“It’s easier if I just do it myself!”**

**Key Point:** Jethro knew that Moses needed a reality check, so he could remember his higher calling.

<sup>14</sup> *When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, “What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening? (v. 14)*

<sup>17</sup> *Moses’ father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup> You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. (v.17 – 18)*

**2. Courageous Christians focus on what’s really \_\_\_\_\_ !**

<sup>21</sup> *... appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens... If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied. (v.21, 23)*

**3. Courageous Christians are \_\_\_\_\_ willing to follow Christ and live out his example.**

*This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. (1 Cor. 4:1)*

**SO WHAT does this mean for us as a church?**

God is calling us to **renew and develop** courageous Christians who...

- Will be grounded in Community through the Word of God,
- Will focus on what’s really important for carrying out God’s purpose and vision
- Will embrace their role as a servant of the needs within our community, eager to follow Christ passionately and courageously.

<sup>24</sup> *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**APPLICATION: ARE YOU IN A SMALL GROUP? If not, please prayerfully consider joining one this fall!**