

**April 17, 2016**

**Series: Balance**

**Sermon Title: Family and Friends**

**Key Scripture:**

**Galatians 6:9-10 (NRSV)**

**<sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.**

**The Key:**

**Do for One not Everyone**

**Trust Walk lessons...**

**You can trust me. I'll never leave you. You can ask me questions. Listen only to my voice.**

**You can't let it all IN - (Burn out)**

**Exodus 18:13-18 (NRSV) <sup>13</sup>The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. <sup>14</sup>When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?" <sup>15</sup>Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. <sup>16</sup>When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God." <sup>17</sup>Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup>You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.**

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## **You can't keep it all OUT - (Freeze out)**

**Exodus 18:19-23 (NRSV) <sup>19</sup>Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; <sup>20</sup>teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. <sup>21</sup>You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. <sup>22</sup>Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. <sup>23</sup>If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace.”**

### **Let's get practical...**

**Go DEEP rather than wide  
Go LONG rather than short  
Go TIME rather than just money**

### **Challenge Questions:**

**With what family member will you take a "trust walk" this week?**

**With what friend will you commit to go deeper?**

**Who is God calling you to thank today for investing in you?**

**Where is God calling you to invest yourself in mission?**

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