

## Exodus 24:14

*And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."*

Your boss comes to you and says that he is going on vacation for a week, and that he is leaving you in charge until he gets back.

A teacher is out for a few days because of a illness, so a substitute teacher is brought in.

Mom and dad are going out for the night and leave a babysitter in charge.

A few different scenarios of when the main, head honcho is out and leaves someone else in charge. Hopefully, when the boss, or teacher or parent leaves someone in charge, the one that they chose would have the same mindset or ethics that they have. If not, the department could be ruined in just a week because the boss left someone who could care less or had his or her own ideas on how to run thing, which are different from what the boss has. Or the substitute teacher would teach something that was the opposite of what the teacher taught. Or the babysitter would have different moral values and would let the kids do or watch something that the parents would never even think of letting their children do or watch.

But in most cases, these things don't happen, because people do their best to make the right choice when it comes to leaving others in charge.

Think about today's devotional verse. What was going on here was that Moses was going up on Mount Sinai to meet with God. He didn't know how long he would be gone, and before he left, he had to decide who he could leave the children of Israel with while he was gone. And out of all the thousands of people (men) to choose from, he selected his older brother Aaron to take care of those God had left in his trust. After all, Aaron had been there from the beginning when Moses first met with Pharaoh, until they left Egypt and up until this point. I mean, who better to choose than Aaron. Yet we soon come to find out this may not had been the best choice. Why? Because when things got tough, Aaron gave into the people instead of standing firm, and ended up making a false god (a golden calf) for them to worship instead of pointing them to the one and only God who Moses went to talk with.

So how do we apply this to us today? I remember a few week's ago hat something came up that I needed to make a decision on and I prayed about it. As I did, I felt the Lord telling me to seek counsel about it. Fortunately, even though this was a week day, I was going to church for a particular class, and two men were there that I highly admire and respect. I spoke with them both and within 5 minutes I had an answer to what I prayed about, and the best part is that it was good godly counsel. Now I could had gone to one of my non Christian friends and asked their advise, but as I look at the situation, I could almost hear their advise, which probably would had been the opposite of what these two godly men gave me.

So, what has been going on in your life that you are seeking counsel from others about? Are you asking both your Christian and non Christian friends, then you will decide on which answer you like best? Or are you seeking godly counsel only from your godly friends, that you are closest to and you know that you can trust? I say that because you do have to be careful on who you seek counsel from, because even though someone may be a Christian, you need to also pray about their answer and use good judgment on if this is godly counsel or their opinion.

Are they offering you a golden calf as the answer, or the word of the true and living God as the answer?

† **Psalm 37:30-31 (NLT2)** *The godly offer good counsel; they teach right from wrong. They have made God's law their own, so they will never slip from his path.*

† **Psalm 1:1** *Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful*