*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**IRON SHARPENS IRON**

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." **(Pro 27:17 KJV)**

God is yet to create an individual who is complete and needs no complement from another. No profession is totally independent of another. No town or city can survive without people living there. No life can be enjoyable without the influx of others around. You may actually consider a relationship a pain, yet it is needed at some point. There is a saying, ‘Variety is the spice of life.’

Until Jethro visited Moses in the wilderness on their journey to the Promised Land, he had judged Israel; declaring unto them the counsel of God and settling disputes that might be between them. But in Exodus 18 from verse 13, Jethro opened Moses to a strange system of operation. Did God not love Moses? Was Moses not hearing God? Was Moses a disobedient leader?

God loved Moses. He would defend him on every course. God was boastful of him. He said, “With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold....” **Num 12:8 KJV**

Moses also loved God – a human leader of no comparison. He would prioritise divine instruction over everything else. But what happened this time? Had God abandoned him? No. He only needed another iron, that is human, to sharpen him. And that iron was found in Jethro, who was a pagan priest of Midian, to call his attention to a better way of handling matters. Is that not a mystery!

We are children of God, no doubt. But we need ourselves to survive. Moses heeded the instruction of Jethro. Jethro too made himself available as an instrument to use. Iron sharpens iron. May you not be a missing piece in the programme of God. When divine instruction is given, may we have the grace to obey in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.