

March 10, 2024  
La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**Genesis Behind the Curtain: Abraham – Part 3**  
**Ep 7: Servanthood is not a Side Hustle**  
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**Genesis 24: 10-20**

**10** Then the servant left, taking with him ten of his master's camels loaded with all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor. <sup>11</sup>He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water. <sup>12</sup>Then he prayed, "LORD, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. <sup>13</sup>See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. <sup>14</sup>May it be that when I say to a young woman, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master." <sup>15</sup>Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor. <sup>16</sup>The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again. <sup>17</sup>The servant **hurried** to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water from your jar." <sup>18</sup>"Drink, my lord," she said, and **quickly** lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. <sup>19</sup>After she had given him a drink, she said, "I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink." <sup>20</sup>So she **quickly** emptied her jar into the trough, **ran** back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels.

**Servanthood is Underrated**

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."  
- Jesus (Mark 10:45)

**In the end God's people will not be measured upon their acquisitions, but rather their dissolution; not on what they tried to get, but instead what they were willing to give away.**

**God's Servants Are:** A servant of God is someone who dedicates their life to fulfilling the will of God, serving others with humility, compassion, and love, and prioritizing spiritual values over worldly pursuits. They seek to follow God's teachings, spread His message, and act as instruments of His grace and mercy in the world.

**Supplied:** Vs. 10 *Then the servant left, taking with him ten of his master's camels loaded with all kinds of good things from his master.*

**Trustworthy:** *He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh. I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."*

**Willing:** Vs. 10b *He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor.*

**Prayerful:** Vs. 12 *Then he prayed, "LORD, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham."*

**Expectant:** Vs. 14 *May it be that when I say to a young woman, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink.'*

**Humble:** Vs. 17 *The servant hurried to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water from your jar."*  
- The servant uses the word "please" 2X's in this passage and one in which he most likely doesn't need to with Rebekah.

**Zealous:** Vs. 17b *The servant **hurried** to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water from your jar."*

### **Small Group Discussion Questions:**

1. How does the servant's prayer in Genesis 24:12 demonstrate his reliance on God's guidance and provision in fulfilling his master's request? How can we apply this attitude of prayerful dependence in our own lives?
2. In what ways does Rebekah's response to the servant's request showcase qualities of servanthood, such as humility, willingness, and generosity? How can we emulate these qualities in our interactions with others?
3. The servant's mission was to find a wife for Isaac, yet he approached his task with a sense of urgency and diligence (Genesis 24:10-20). How can we maintain a similar sense of purpose and commitment in fulfilling our responsibilities, whether in our personal lives, careers, or service to God?
4. Jesus emphasized the importance of servanthood in Mark 10:45, stating that he came not to be served but to serve. How does Jesus' example challenge our cultural norms and perceptions of success? How can we prioritize serving others in our daily lives?
5. Reflecting on the qualities of a servant of God outlined in the sermon (trustworthy, willing, prayerful, expectant, humble, zealous), which of these qualities do you find most challenging to embody? How can we cultivate these qualities in ourselves to better serve God and others?