

The Servant

Genesis 24:1-4, 30, 34-36, 62-67

¹Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the Lord had blessed him in every way. ²He said to the chief servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh. ³I 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, ⁴but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

³⁰As soon as he had seen the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and had heard Rebekah tell what the man said to her, he went out to the man and found him standing by the camels near the spring.

³⁶So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, menservants and maidservants, and camels and donkeys. ³⁶My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns.

⁶²Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. ⁶³He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. ⁶⁴Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel ⁶⁵and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

⁶⁶Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. ⁶⁷Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

John 3:27-30

²⁷To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.' ²⁹The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. ³⁰ He must become greater; I must become less.

Message notes:

Going after God always ends in _____.

The _____ is the ultimate servant.

The Holy Spirit's role is to get us to _____ with Jesus.

Best thing you can do if you're single is to pray for your future _____.

Any good servant is never worried about their own _____.

Much of servanthood will always be _____ –it's about others.

You can be a nobody that becomes a somebody when God gives you His _____.

Additional notes:

Discussion Questions:

What is more important in life, your character or your accomplishments?

How do you see the servant representing the Holy Spirit in this story?

Why does the Holy Spirit always push us into love with Jesus? What changes in our lives as we fall in love with Jesus?

What is dangerous about focusing on your own name being known instead of Jesus' name being known?

Why does servanthood bring joy from working in hiddenness?

How can you better serve others and point them to Jesus?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone struggling with feeling like you're only hidden and never seen by God?

Do you need to release more of your pride so that you can serve God more?