

SERIES TITLE: #LivingByFaith

PART 4: THROUGH SERVICE

TEXT: GENESIS 24

INTRODUCTION.

The life of the great patriarch Abraham comprises a large portion of Genesis. As we continue studying through the entire book, we learn from Abraham what it means to live by faith.

DISCUSSION.

If an employer ever gave you a responsibility that seemed overwhelming, how did you handle it?

EXAMINATION.

- 24:1-9 What stands out to you about Abraham's request and why?
- 24:10-14 What do you think of the servant's prayer?
- 24:15-27 How unusual is Rebekah's response to the servant's request?
- 24:28-49 Why is the entire account repeated in detail?
- 24:50-67 Based upon their words and actions, what do you notice about Laban and Bethuel and Isaac?

APPLICATION.

- Should this story be the method we use to find a spouse? Why or why not?
- The servant declares that the Lord "led" him (vv.27, 48) and that Rebekah was "chosen" by God (vv.14, 44). How do we know God's will and experience his guidance in our lives today?
- Rebekah responded to the servant's request by going above and beyond what he asked. How might that inform your response to opportunities for service that you encounter?
- Can you share an example of a time when you have served, and God used it in a way bigger than you could have imagined?

- What are some of the things that you think get in the way of serving God and serving others with joy and generosity? (consider Galatians 5:13 and 1 Peter 4:10)
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?