Genesis Chapter 24 Verses 1 – 2a

* The oldest servant of his house ***was*** Eliezer (that is given to us back in Genesis 15:2), and this is cool, the name Eliezer means, *“God is my help.”* Now it *could be* that Eliezer is dead, Genesis 15 was some 60 years ago, but if that is the case, we’re not told and so we are left to assume this is Eliezer and that does ***entirely fit*** with the content of this chapter as ***Abraham sends his servant to his original country to get a bride for his son.***
* And in that act and intertwined in the meaning of the name Eliezer there is an **embedded spiritual parallel** because we’ve already established Abraham as a *type* of the Father, Isaac as a *type* of the Son and now we see Eliezer, *“God is my help,”* or *“God is my helper,”* as a ***type*** of the Holy Spirit.
* Even if this is not Eliezer, it still is quite perfect because Jesus said of the Holy Spirit in John 15:26, *“When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”* He will not point people to Himself but rather to Jesus and so the servant in this chapter not being named fits quite well…

Genesis Chapter 24 Verses 2 – 9

* A couple of things to note here…first, the ***odd and obvious***…hand under the thigh? Really, *getting a little friendly around here!* **HA!** This custom seems odd to us and certainly it is but this was common place for them and the act was a sign of ***reverence*** and a ***physical seal*** of their accord.
* Now, to Abraham, well advanced in years, extremely wealthy, one son, one heir, **this is the most important thing for him**, hands down…or shall I say, *hands under thighs*…ok, that was weird. HA! And I love the fact that Eliezer is his pick. Nothing more important to him than securing a bride for his son and so he ***expresses his depth of trust in his servant***, his friend, Eliezer by asking this of him. Listen, are you *a person, a friend, a son, a daughter* that someone, anyone would ask something like this of you…? I certainly want to be one that when someone needs something *really important*, ***most important to them***, that they confidently call on me. I want to be that for my wife, for my littles, for my church and for my employer…
* And I so respect Eliezer…the deal has to lay flat for him. He senses the importance of this in the heart of his friend Abraham and yet what Abraham is asking is **perfectly complex**…, *“Go 500 miles away, go alone…find a hottie and somehow convince her that if she comes with you, all of her dreams will come true!”* **HA!** And so Eliezer negotiates an *off ramp*…because in no way does he want to fail Abraham…and so he makes the task clear and sure. I respect that.

Genesis Chapter 24 Verses 10 – 12

* Now the symbolism is **thick** here! He takes 10 camels…10 perfect beasts with him in search for the bride. Just as God sent us ***10 perfect beasts*** in the ***10 statements*** of the ***10 commandments***…and notice, they’re looking for water…water is *a picture, a symbol, a type* of the Word of God and so I’m digging the depth of parallel here that these 10 are seeking the fulfillment of the Word of God, ***the water of the of the Word of God walking…which according to John Chapter 1, is indeed the Savior, Jesus Christ.*** And when they find it, **they kneel…**

Genesis Chapter 24 Verses 13 – 14

* Now know this…this is ***not the standard way today*** that we should seek the will of God. What is the way today that we should seek the will of God for our lives? **His Word!** And truly this type of request for *providential circumstances* could get you in a lot of trouble and in general is a poor choice in discerning God’s direction. Why? Because I have a way of ignoring circumstances that go against my desired outcome…I will grab onto anything that even *seems to be close* to what I asked for and ***completely dismiss*** anything that appears to be an answer to the negative! See what I’m saying!?
* But what Eliezer asks has a bit of the miraculous in it. First, the woman would not only have to be **willing** to speak to a stranger *(and* ***stranger danger*** *has been with us since the fall)* but she’d also have to be willing to show kindness towards him AND to his camels. Now, that would be a major undertaking because a single camel can drink up to 20 gallons at a time and so 10 camels, **that’s a lot of water hauling**…perhaps hours of work…and so at least what he asks for is certainly not something *silly* but rather would be a *sure* answer…
* Now, if Isaac was there, I wonder if he would have kicked Eliezer in the shins. *“Bruh, can we go for brunette please! Perhaps tall, and blue eyes…you know…smokin’!”* **HA!** Or maybe he wouldn’t. **Eliezer goes after character**…a heart of kindness, service and humility. Guys, gals, take note…beauty will certainly fade…and *fade fast*…but these qualities…kindness, service and humility are rarely, **RARELY developed** in a person…they’re either there or they’re not…so be sure to stack your qualifications wisely for your future spouse…

Genesis Chapter 24 Verses 15 – 17

* I bet this was a creepy, ***“Please!”*** HA! Like *PLEEEEAAAASSSSEEEE!*  Think about it! She’s the **first** girl he’s seen, she’s pretty, she’s pure…***she is perfect!*** Is it ever this easy? HA!

Genesis Chapter 24 Verses 18 – 21

* I like the servant’s response. **He remains quiet.** Why? To see if she’d *actually do it.* I know you’ve heard the saying, *“Talk is cheap.”* Well that statement is **undeniably true**…and this servant heard her intentions, listened to her words, but would she actually do it? ***That is the true test of character.***

Genesis Chapter 24 Verses 22 – 28

* At this point all of the pieces are in place and the servant is simply filled with wonder and joy and notice what he says, ***“Being on the way, the Lord led me.”*** I love this and this is where we will land for the evening…
* Many Christians, myself included, *seek and search and study* and are **constantly mindful** of being led by the Lord, especially when there is a decision to be made or an obstacle to face…and I think right here we are helped a bit in our **quest and desire to know how to be led by God…,** *“Being on the way, the Lord led me.”* Get up, get moving, and go forward! Step out in faith. ***Stop finding every reason to do nothing***…And when we step out in faith, He leads us…He can’t lead us if we aren’t moving…that’s just *simplicity 101!*
* Let me help just a little bit more, just a bit more of clarity…***men, you can’t lead your homes unless God is leading you!*** You CANNOT DO IT…and it doesn’t matter if you’re barking orders and putting bread on the table and making every decision, ***if God is not leading you then you are not leading!*** So how can you know that you are being led by God and doing what is good and right in your home? Leading in your home? *Be on your way…*
* Seek the Lord personally, get up early or stay up later than everyone else and ***get after God on your own!*** Get on your way! You want to be a good husband, then love your wife…*but I don’t feel like it*…of course you don’t, you’re standing still, maybe even ***lying down on the job***…God can’t lead you there. GET. ON. YOUR. WAY. Pray for her. Be affectionate towards her. Never **EVER** pass by her without brushing your hand across her back or…*PAUSE*….shoulders! ***HA!*** **Act like you like her** and watch God begin to lead you! Your heart will change man…be on your way.
* Same goes for you wives…I want to be a good wife…RESPECT him them…get on it now! Not when he earns your respect! Be on your way and the Lord will lead you! Some of y’all talk to your bosses or your pastor much nicer then you talk to your husband! HUGE DISRESPECT!
* Same goes for you friends…growing apart? Perhaps ***growling apart!*** HA! Get on your way! Pray for them. Smile when you see them. **Stop avoiding them but rather speak to them.** Serve them…***Get on your way***…watch God lead your heart…you’re moving now…now you’re leadable! (New Word)
* I just love that point, that thought, that truth…that ***when you set out to honor the Lord, He delivers Rebekah.*** Her name means, “Captivating” and the connotation is that one has been taken captive *out of wandering*, taken captive *out of danger*…**secured**…I just like that. So much insecurity and risk lies in moving forward but being led by God…found by walking by faith…the very Father that is called love, that gave up everything for you…***ties you to Himself***…I’m after that in my heart of hearts!