

THE HIGH CALLING OF SERVICE

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Genesis 15:1-5 – After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

² But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Core Value #5

SERVANT LEADERSHIP IS OUR IDENTITY: IF YOU'RE TOO BIG TO SERVE THEN YOU'RE TOO SMALL TO LEAD. Every LEADER is a SERVANT first. From the parking lot to the pulpit everyone SERVES. “If you ain't helping, you ain't helping!”

Genesis 24:1-5, 8,9 – Abraham was now very old, and the LORD had blessed him in every way. ² He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh. ³ 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, ⁴ but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.”

⁵ The servant asked him, “What if the woman is unwilling to come back with me to this land? Shall I then take your son back to the country you came from?”

⁸ If the woman is unwilling to come back with you, then you will be released from this oath of mine. Only do not take my son back there.”

⁹ So the servant put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore an oath to him concerning this matter.

A TRUE SERVANT OF GOD DESIRES SUCCESS SO THAT OTHERS WILL BE BLESSED

Genesis 24:12 – Then he prayed, “LORD, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.”

A TRUE SERVANT OF GOD ALWAYS ESTABLISHES THEIR PURPOSE WHEN ENTERTAINING NEW ACQUAINTANCES.

Genesis 24:33,34 – Then food was set before him, but he said, “I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say.”

³⁴ So he said, “I am Abraham's servant.”

SOMETIMES WHEN YOU FORGET YOUR MISSION, YOU BEGIN TO THINK YOU'RE THE REASON FOR “THE BLESSING”

A TRUE SERVANT ONLY PARTIES AFTER THOSE THEY SERVE ARE PARTYING.

Genesis 24:64-67 – Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel ⁶⁵ and 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.

⁶⁶ Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. ⁶⁷ Isaac 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.

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