

# 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.”

<sup>2</sup> 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?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.”

<sup>5</sup> 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?”

<sup>8</sup> 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.”

<sup>9</sup> 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.”

<sup>34</sup> 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 <sup>65</sup> 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.

<sup>66</sup> Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. <sup>67</sup> 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.