

Then the servant left, taking with him ten of his master's camels loaded with all kinds of good things from his master... He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water. Then he prayed, "Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a young woman, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master." Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor. The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.

The servant hurried to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water from your jar." "Drink, my lord," she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. After she had given him a drink, she said, "I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink." So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels. Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful. When the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets weighing ten shekels. Then he asked, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?" She answered him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son that Milkah bore to Nahor." And she added, "We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night." Then the man bowed down and worshiped the Lord, saying, "Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives."

Genesis 24: 10-27 (NIV)

WHAT IS THE EXTRA MILE?

*If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. **Matthew 5:41 (NIV)***

1. **WHEN I DO MORE THAN WHAT IS EXPECTED**
2. **WHEN I SAY YES WHEN I NORMALLY SAY NO**
*Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. **Matthew 5:42 (NIV)***
3. **WHEN I PUSH BEYOND MY COMFORT ZONE**

LIFE IN THE EXTRA MILE

1. **WHEN I GO THE EXTRA MILE, PEOPLE WILL NOTICE**

*Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful. **Genesis 24:21 (NIV)***

2. **MY RELATIONSHIPS FLOURISH IN THE EXTRA MILE**

*Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; **Genesis 24:67 (NIV)***

3. **MY DESTINY IS OFTEN DISCOVERED IN THE EXTRA MILE**

*And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies." **Genesis 24:60 (NIV)***

THIS WEEK'S READING:

JAN 22: LUKE 17; GEN. 29:1-30; PS. 22

JAN 23: LUKE 18:1-17; GEN. 29:31-30:43; PS. 23

JAN 24: LUKE 18:18-43; GEN. 31; PS. 24

JAN 25: LUKE 19:1-27; GEN. 32-33; PS. 25

JAN 26: LUKE 19:28-48; GEN. 34; PS. 26

JAN 27: LUKE 20:1-26; GEN. 35:1-36:43; PS. 27

JAN 28: LUKE 20:27-47; GEN. 37; PS. 28

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