

A PLACE IN GOD'S PURPOSE

Genesis 24:1-67

Abraham and his family were outsiders in Canaan. The inhabitants of Canaan worshiped a multitude of gods and followed some rather barbaric customs. Abraham and Sarah followed and obeyed the one true God, Yahweh.

This was a strategic request. He knew that such a response would indicate that she was hospitable, thoughtful, and kind — the type of woman he hoped to find for Isaac. Ref: Genesis 24:17

There are two things happening throughout this entire narrative.

Number one, the h_____ of God is at work in these events as they unfold.

Number two, each of the main characters in this story put themselves in a p_____ to be moved along by the hand of God.

God's plan will be fulfilled. His kingdom shall come. His will shall be done. Ref: Isaiah 46:10

Our objective is not to find a way to get God to fit in to our plans. Our objective is to find a way to fit in to his plans.

THE SERVANT'S STORY

We don't even know his name. The story refers to him only as the servant. Why? Because his name is not nearly as important as his task.

REBEKAH.

God was able to use Rebekah because she was a strong woman with a servant's heart. Her attitude might be described this way: I will serve and strengthen those whom God brings into my life, wherever it may take me.

There's no limit to what God can accomplish in your life if you're willing to s_____ others.

When you commit yourself to serving others, you'll find God's hand at work in the details of your life.

ISAAC.

The Bible says Isaac was out in the field, taking a walk and meditating. The Hebrew word can also be translated prayer. And it can *also* be translated c_____, or *lament*.

God was able to bless Isaac with a woman like Rebekah, because he made his heart ready for a woman like Rebekah.

God had a plan throughout Genesis, for the people of Israel. And he has a plan today for us — for this c_____, and this c_____. For your f_____, for your f_____.

Let this be our attitude *"I'm not an important person, but I've got an important job to do. It involves serving God and serving others with all my heart."*