

## Person of Action

### Part 4

“And Then Some”

#### Genesis 24

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.”

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10 Then the servant left, taking with him ten of his master’s camels loaded with all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram and made his way to the town of Nahor. 11 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.

12 Then he prayed, “Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13 See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. 14 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.”

15 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. 16 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.

17 The servant hurried to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water from your jar.”

18 “Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

19 After she had given him a drink, she said, “I’ll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.”

In Jewish culture showing hospitality to guests is considered a **mitzvah** or commandment. When one knows of strangers who are hungry or need a place to relax, it becomes a legal obligation. Some **rabbis** consider (the bringing in of strangers) to be a part of (giving of loving kindness).

- When Rebekah said, “would you like some water”, that was required of her...
- But when she said “I can water your Camels too, until they have had enough to drink” that was her doing what was required of her... And Then Some...

Camels hold up to 40 Gallons of water

They travelled 500 miles

The Camels were on empty

10 Camels times 40 Gallons equals 400 Gallons of Water.

There was something special about this girl because she was willing to do what was required of her, And Then Some.

## **Recognize Your - And Then Some Moments**

### **Ecclesiastes 9**

**10** Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...

That's Gods way of saying do what's in front of you...

The Obvious things...

And Then Some...

Rebekkah caught God's eye because she had a - And Then Some Mindset.  
Rebekkah became the Grandmother of the Lord Jesus because she took hold of her - And then some opportunity.

- It's no secret who the - And Then Some People are...
- You will see them on the Football Field when everyone else is gone...
- You will see them at work finishing up after hours...
- You will see them in the Class Room putting in extra effort...
- These are the ones who do what is expected and then some...

I Believe that what Rebekah was a - And Then Some Person

What she did that day wasn't out of character for her...

She was a hard worker...

She was accustomed to going the extra mile...

She was probably the kind of person who always did what was expected of her plus whatever else needed to be done.

This day was no different than any other.

Except her Destiny was forever changed on that ordinary day when she did something extra.

The mindset with many people today is like the slogan I saw on the side of a Donut box the other day. It said "You deserve a Donut"

- How do they know that person Deserves a Donut.
- Are they secretly watching to see?
- Have they decided that their Donuts can only go to Donut Deserving Communities?
- Maybe we've moved past the participation trophy.
- Today we believe that no matter what you've done or haven't done, you Deserve a Donut!
- Here's a little secret, they don't really care if you Deserve a Donut, they just want you to buy their Donuts...

**Don't miss the Divine amidst the Mundane...**

### **John 1**

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

### **Hebrews 13:2**

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

The Bible is full of ordinary people that turned into extraordinary vessels...

Elisha was plowing a field with 12 yoke of oxen (24 oxen) when Elijah walked up and threw his cloak over his shoulders.

God had plans for that ordinary farmer boy...

He followed Elijah but before he left, he slaughtered the oxen and burned the plow...

He made up his mind he wanted to follow Elijah and then some...

Elisha receive a double portion of Elijah's Spirit because he did what was expected of him - And Then Some...

(1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2)

November 7, 1918 on a North Carolina dairy farm a baby boy by the name of Billy Graham was born. He grew up on a farm with parents who were hard-working and knew the value of a dollar and the meaning of self-discipline. They believed in God and devotion themselves to seeking His wisdom and blessing for their family and for a world in need.

In 1934 Evangelist Rev. Mordecai Ham held a Revival and young previously reluctant Billy Graham gave his life to the Lord. At 16 years old, Billy Graham experience the transformation of a traditional farm boy into an instrument of God.

Billy Graham was used powerfully by God because he was a man who served God - And Then Some...

## **Make the Most of Your - And Then Some Moment**

### **Matthew 5**

**41** If anyone forces you to go one mile, **go with them two miles.** **42** Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

- At that time, Judea was under Roman power.
- Under military law, any Roman soldier might command a Jew to carry his soldier's pack for up to one mile - but only one mile.
- Jesus here says, If your enemy asks you to go the one mile required by law do that and give another mile.
- Go the one Mile - And Then Some
- Jesus never said, do what is expected of you and that's it
- Do Just Enough...

What would have happened if Rebecca would have had a - Just Enough Attitude?

A Just Enough Attitude is the Enemy of a - And Then Some Attitude...

Maybe that's what's wrong with some Marriages in America...

I wonder what would happen to the Divorce Court System if people traded in their Just Enough Attitude for a - And Then Some Attitude...

Or How about the American Work Place...

What if every Christian Employee traded in their Just Enough Attitude for a - And Then Some Attitude.

Business would be asking Churches if they could put up a Employment Opportunities Board...

Business would be calling Churches asking if we had anyone available to come to work...

Maybe job applications would look like this?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Are You a Christian: \_\_\_\_\_

Perhaps the Reason Joseph became 2nd in charge of Egypt was because Everywhere he went;

He Loved - And Then Some...

He Served - And Then Some

He Honored - And Then Some

He Listened - And Then Some

He Forgave - And Then Some

Rebekah said I'm not only going to give you water sir, I'm going to water your Camels too...

## **Don't Shoot Your Camel**

Many People don't see the Value of the Situation right in front of them...

They Would have looked at the Scene that Rebekah saw and would have thought, what a dusty... stinky... messy... Group of Camels, I'm not touching it...

Most People shoot their Camels...

The very God given opportunity they have been given they shoot...

- Most people don't realize these thirsty Camels are loaded with Valuables... Gold, Precious Stones and the like...
- These Camels would forever change the destiny of some young lady...
- These Camels would carry some young lady back as a Princess with a destiny to become the Bride of a wealthy Prince and a mother to a nation that God has divinely ordained...

Don't shoot your Camel...

Don't destroy your opportunity...

Don't look at your Camel as a problem...

Look at your Camel as an Opportunity...

Are there any Camels in your life that no body wants to touch that could be a God opportunities for you?

Can God take a difficult situation and use it for good?

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El Shaddai - The God who is more than enough