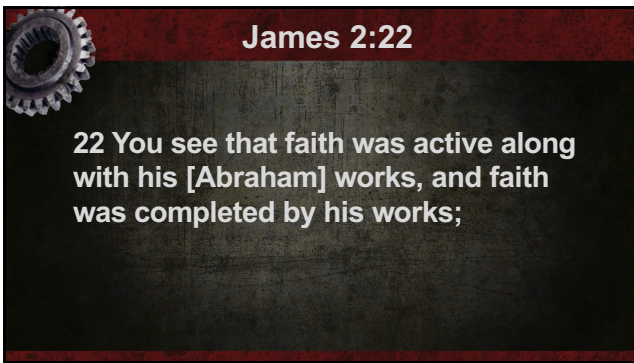
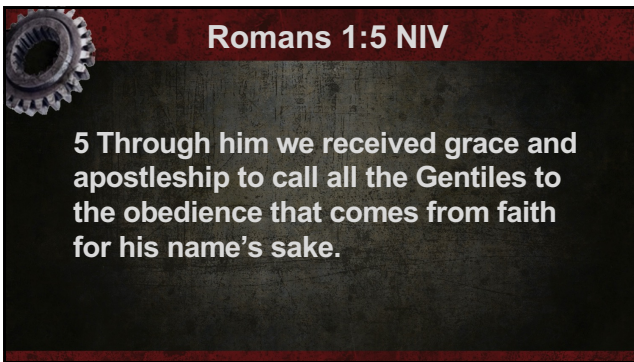





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1 Peter 4:11

Whoever serves [is to do so] as one who serves by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.


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True Obedience Requires God

Obedience = Our Works Inspired by Faith + God's Works


8



Grace Through Faith

God makes our salvation and our ministry and all our obedience dependent upon grace through faith so that God gets all the glory for our lives.


9



Genesis 24

1Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had,


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Genesis 24

...“Put your hand under my thigh, 3 that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell,


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Genesis 24

4 but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.” 5The servant said to him, “Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?”


12



Genesis 24

6 Abraham said to him, “See to it that you do not take my son back there. 7 The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me,


13



Genesis 24

‘To your offspring I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. 8 But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.”

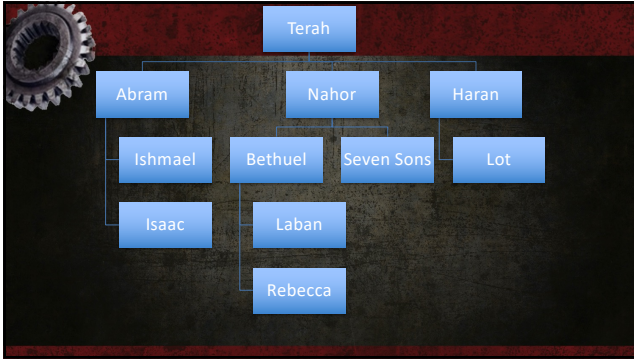
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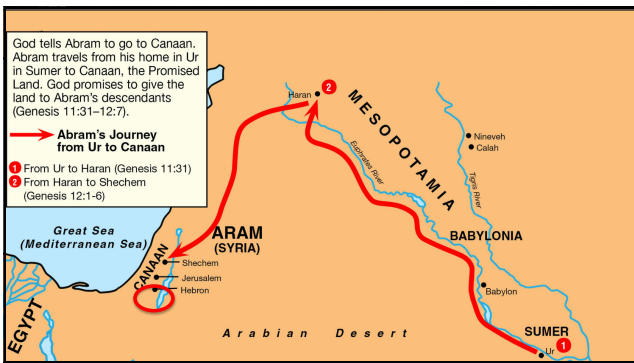
Observations

1. Human agent giving a God-task

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Genesis 24

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

10 Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his


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Genesis 24

master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor.
 11 And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water.


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Observations

1. Human agent giving a God-task
2. Angel escort to help


20



God of Hard Things

Foreign land 700 miles away
 Unknown woman
 Convince her to marry a stranger
 Convince her to go to a foreign land
 Return quickly


21



Oath Guaranteed God's Participation

The oath between Abraham and Eliezar made God a witness to the oath and also guaranteed the outcome of the oath via Abraham's covenant with God.


22



Genesis 24

12 And he said, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham.
13 Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the

23



Genesis 24

men of the city are coming out to draw water. 14 Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'

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Genesis 24

—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.”


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Observations

1. Human agent giving a God-task
2. Angel escort to help
3. Asked for a sign of hard work

26


Camels are Large and Thirsty



Camels Drink 20-30 gallons
 Gallon of Water = 8.35 lbs
 1 Camel = 170 – 250 lbs
 4 gallons per trip = 32 lbs
 6 -8 Trips per Camel

 10 Camels = 1,700 – 2,500 lbs
 10 Camels = 60 – 80 trips


27



Build Faith to Become Obedient

“if you want to be an obedient person and live the Christian life the way Paul conceives it, then work on your faith. Don’t try to work on your works, because you’ll wind up being a legalist. “ -John Piper


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Oath Guaranteed God’s Participation

Christians are often reluctant to commit to the hard work of the kingdom because it seems like an impossible task with small chance of success. But it’s perfect ground for the God of miracles to build His kingdom through the power of prayer.


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Prayer for Obedience

Lord, help me to walk in obedience in the task that you’ve given me to build your kingdom. Grant me success so that you may be glorified in my life. I trust you to do your part as I am doing my part in your plan. In Jesus’ name, Amen.


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Genesis 24

15 Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder.


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Observations

1. Human agent giving a God-task
2. Angel escort to help
3. Asked for a sign of hard work
4. Before he finished praying


32



Isaiah 65:24

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.


33



Genesis 24

16 The young woman was very attractive in appearance, a maiden whom no man had known. She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up.


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Genesis 24

17 Then the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water to drink from your jar." 18 She said, "Drink, my lord." And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink.


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Genesis 24

19 When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking."


36



Genesis 24

20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels. 21 The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not.

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Connection of Obedience

Eliezer's obedience was connected to Rebekah's obedience

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faith that



WORKS

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