

## “And Then Some”

Today, I want to share with you a principle that if you will incorporate it into your life will bring God’s blessings and the fulfillment of His purposes for you in your family, personal life & business relationships.

If you honor this principle, it will bring great reward to your life.

### Gen 24: 1-10

A love story of the most eligible bachelor on the planet named Isaac.

- The son of Abraham.
- Abraham made a covenant with God and God blessed him exceedingly with cattle, silver, gold and all the riches of wealth.
- God promised Abraham that his seed would be greater than the sand of the seashore; so whoever marries Abraham’s son – from that union there would be whole nations produced.
- From Isaac would come 12 sons who would become the twelve tribes of Israel.

Abraham’s the father, Isaac is the son:

- In that day they had arranged marriages. Sometimes the couple would not even see or know each other until the wedding day.
- They didn’t have on-line dating services like there are today.
  - I’m not kicking that totally; but just make sure they are saved and not a weirdo!
- Abraham sends his trusted servant, Eliezer [who is a type of the Holy Spirit seeking Christ’s Bride today] to find a bride for Isaac.
- The Holy Spirit is now getting the Bride of Christ ready for the Groom – Jesus Christ.

**“Go find my son a bride”** is the assignment Eliezer has from Abraham

- Huge task – he is sent to the home country of where Abraham is originally from.
- Of all the women in that region, he is supposed to find the right mate for Isaac.

### Gen 24:11-21

- Eliezer came to the region with 10 camels loaded with the jewels and gold.
- He came upon a well and stopped praying asking the Lord to guide this journey and make it successful for Abraham and Isaac his master.
- He petitioned the Lord that the woman who offered him water and to water his camels would be the sign that this was the answer to his prayer and search for the right girl.
- Here how I will know which one is the right choice:

- V. 15 -21 Before he had finished speaking, Rebekah came with her pitcher and he asked for water from her for himself. She gave him water and responded that as he refreshed himself, she would water his camels also.

In that culture, the law of hospitality said that when a stranger comes into your region, you should offer them at least water.

- That's the normal.
- But Rebekah does something different: she offers him not only water but to water his 10 camels.
- She doesn't he works for the richest man in the world.
- She doesn't know he is looking for a bride for his master's son – Prince Charming: he has it all – looks, wealth, land, covenant with God and the favor of God all over him.

### **10 - Camels:**

- Each one could hold 40 gallons of water. No water hose
- They were all flashing the red light on empty after coming across the desert.
- Rebekah drew water by bucket or container equivalent to 400 gallons of water.
- By camel # 5, her hair was messed up, broken finger nails, runs in her hose, mascara smeared, sweating.

**But this is her lifestyle – this is who she is: she's not just average and do the get by act.**

- She does what's expected – **AND THEN SOME!**
- This is the principle that will elevate your life above average –when you begin to what is expected **AND THEN SOME!**
- It was expected to give him some water, but totally unexpected to water those 10 camels.
- Without knowing any reward was attached, she did what expected **AND THEN SOME.**

She also didn't know that those ugly, stinky, thirsty, noisy camels were saddle bags filled with precious jewels, gold, silver and wealth for the girl who was chosen to be Isaac's wife.

- She could have said: "It's not in my resume; get your own water.
- "I've done what's expected of me. I fulfilled the average task. That's all that is expected of me."
- "I'm average and that's all I do – I did what everyone else would do"

- But she, as a lifestyle is going beyond the average, not knowing anybody is watching her. V. 21 – “And the servant wondering at her, remained silent so as to know whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.”
- The criteria that God was using to choose this girl was not her hips and her lips; not her hair and clothes style, but that she is willing to do what is expected of her – **AND THEN SOME!**
- God says: “I choose her to be the bride of Isaac.”
- Three words distinguish her from everybody else: “**AND THEN SOME!**”

What God looks for are those who have the lifestyle that doesn't limit their description:

- “Well that's not on my resume or job description.”
- “That's not what I'm supposed to do here, that's not my department, or my responsibility.”

The Bible says we are to work as unto God – “Do all things for the glory of God and as unto the Lord.”

God looks for people to elevate and to bless that do what is expected AND THEN SOME!

God choose Rebekah by her work ethic and standard:

- It was a lousy job – it would be wonderful if she was working in a palace with Chanel # 5, but she was with manure # 10. It's nasty, nasty.
- It's a sorry job, but she's giving it everything she's got – AND THEN SOME.

When you have that kind of work ethic and attitude – God won't let you stay there always. He has a promotion for you.

Prov. 18:16 “A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.”

- When you touch this principle of AND THEN SOME it raises you and you will not stay hidden or in the shadows.
- She's a nobody and has no idea that a multi – multi is watching her.

**YOU DON'T KNOW WHO'S WATCHING YOU!**

- So how are you acting, responding, serving, what's your attitude at your job, ministry, house chores?

**Three words that distinguish highly successful people from average people:**

- **AND THEN SOME**

### **HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE:**

- Do what is expected of them **AND THEN SOME.**

### **HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGES:**

- Have spouses that do what is expected **AND THEN SOME.**

### **HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS:**

- Do what is expected **AND THEN SOME.**

### **ATHLETES THAT DO WELL AND MAKE IT TO THE TOP OF THEIR FIELD”**

- Do what is expected **AND THEN SOME.**
- They do what others are expected to do, but then some more.

### **CHRISTIANS THAT ARE OUTSTANDING:**

- Are not Christians that say “I’m going to do as little as I can to get by and make it into heaven.”

#### **WE NEED SOME AND THEN SOME CHRISTIANS,**

- Who don’t just come to church and do what they’re supposed to do – and “I’m done!”
  - It’s when you move into the area of sacrifice –what did the fire fall on?  
The sacrifice.
- There is something about doing what is expected **AND THEN SOME** that God really really honors.

### **The current work place and church philosophy is:**

- Do the least amount expected and try to get the most for it!
- I’m going to do minimum effort, but I want maximum reward for it.
- Give me insurance, days off, sick days, vacation, benefits and I’m going to give you the least in return I can get by with and hold on to my job.

### **BUT THAT IS NOT THE ATTITUDE THAT GOD BLESSES!**

- God blesses people that do what Jesus called “**the extra mile.**”
- Matt 5:41 “If a man compels you to go one mile, go with him two.”
- This was in response to the Romans who would compel – press into service citizens without advance notice or pay to assist them.
- We are to become “A Second Mile Person, an **AND THEN SOME** person.”
- “I know you hired me to go 1 mile with you, but I go 2 miles because I’m an **AND THEN SOME** person.”

Matt 5:20 “Unless your righteous exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

- They would do only what was required of them by law.
- They were legalists.
- They were clock watchers.
- They were looking for pay day and sun down.

Is that how you go to your job?

- Well it’s a sorry job. They don’t pay well, treat me right, have no benefits.
- You think you should be owning the place – **but you aren’t going to be anything until you learn how to succeed where you are!!**
- When you start giving what is expected AND THEN SOME in a lousy job.

**Rebekah’s job was not a lovely job - those animals were lousy, stinky, unpleasant, spitting on her. Nasty smell of a mangy camel.**

### **What is happening in this generation?**

- We need a generation that won’t sit back and say: “You ought to give me this, you owe me this, I want this.”
- We need to get something in us that says: “I’m not going to be average in my generation; I’m going to be AND THEN SOME person!”
- ‘I’m going to do what is expected AND THEN SOME.

### **YOU ARE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO WIN ANYBODY TO JESUS WITH YOUR BUMPER STICKERS – PINS – BADGES – HATS OR SHIRTS.**

- But what will win people to the Lord and give you a platform in their life is when we live a life of what is expected of us AND THEN SOME in the workplace and everyday issues of life as a lifestyle and people start seeing we are different.
- **If you started operating in this principle:**
  - You would not be the tail at that job long, you would be promoted.
  - It’s just a matter of time.
  - Rebekah didn’t know anybody was watching – this was just who she was.

Jesus is telling us that quoting scriptures and witnessing while on the job and not giving maximum effort is a waste of time.

- People don’t care about your testimony if they see you are a lazy butt.
- When you’ve earned the respect of fellow workers, they will listen to your testimony.

## Extra blessings come from extra efforts:

### 1. An Extra Effort in your marriage can lead to extra reward:

- What could happen if when your wife gets home from work, you had the house cleaned up, dishes washed, clothes washed and folded and put away.
- It's not your job and you come home tired yourself, but you did it!
  - Crickets sound – silent ☺
    - She's probably think you had done something wrong and were trying to cover for it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- A good marriage is **AND THEN SOME**.
- Marriages don't go into divorce courts because mates are doing AND THEN SOME for each other.
- Marriages go into divorce courts because people are whining about what they are not getting out of the relationship when you ought to be giving AND THEN SOME.
- There is more to being the head of your home than having a zipper on your pants – You are a male by birth and you are a man by choice!
- Manhood means: "I take responsibility for my marriage, my finances, my family, my children, my resources – THAT'S WHAT A MAN DOES **AND THEN SOME!**"

## POINT:

- Don't shoot those camels; RIDE THEM!
- **Don't shoot that job.**
- What you don't know is that ugly situation is the GATEWAY to the greatest reward Rebekah – YOU would ever receive in her/YOUR life.
- It didn't look like much – but if you give everything you've got AND THEN SOME to that ugly situation, it will not stay ugly:
  - You will be **transformed** as a person.
  - The situation will be **transport** you from where you are.
  - Rebekah gets on those same camels she has filled with water and worked so hard with– and rides them like a Lexus out to meet her little rich boy in the field -

God chooses Rebekah for this kind of life & she becomes the multiplier for the kingdom of God that ultimately produces the Messiah.

- Her seed becomes more than the sands of the seashore – that's a lot of stretchmarks.

**It all started with:**

- I've got an ugly, low class, low paying, good for nothing job.
- But she put everything she had into it.
- God said: "That's going to carry you to the greatest reward you could ever imagine, because you weren't doing it unto man; you were doing it unto the least of these – so God said: "you were doing it unto Him."

**AND HE WILL REWARD YOUR EFFORT!**