



**DGM Message Title: Because She Served**

**Series/Theme: The Successful Servant**

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**Message Summary:** To get awards, one must be a servant. Work hard with joy and God will show you his true blessings. When you work hard, blessings will start pouring in.

**Scripture References (NKJV):**

- Genesis 24:1
- Genesis 24:3
- Genesis 24: 10-19
- Genesis 24:16,18,19,20,58, 66, 67
- Matthew 5:41

**Key Points:**

- Genesis 24:1
  - Abraham was old and advanced in age
  - Growing old is a privilege, but growing up is a choice
  - You can be #1 but #2 in the seat
  - Be the best you, if you are the best you, then you can receive as much reward as anyone else
- Genesis 24:3
  - He wanted his son to marry a girl that served the same God and had the same values
  - It is dangerous to fall in love with a person who does not even answer to God. (52:54)
  - Marriage is not for everyone
- Genesis 24:10-15
  - The servants took the masters on a camel
  - It was very rare to have a camel in that time period
  - The son was doing it for his father
  - The wells had nothing but ladies around it
  - He wanted a woman that was generous enough to water his camel
  - He had 10 camels
  - Camels can drink many gallons of water
  - He wanted to see which one was able to help him with water
  - The lady that would help him would be the one God chose for him
  - He will know that they showed kindness to the master
  - Rebecca was very beautiful and helped him
    - A pretty face can never compensate for an ugly heart (1:02:27)
    - Some of us create our own storms, and get upset when it rains.
    - Ladies are not ready to date unless you have a few options
    - When people show you who they are, trust them
    - If they don't make the adjustment walk away

- Genesis 24:16
  - Pay attention to your decisions
- Genesis 24:18
  - She was generous and polite
  - She treated the servant with respect
  - She gives him a drink without hesitation
  - When God's in it he will confirm it
- Genesis 24:19
  - Camels drink plenty of water
  - She feeds them water until they stopped drinking
  - This was the type of woman the servant wanted for Isaac
  - It was a test for the real her to come out
    - The test God gives you, gives you the opportunity for your real character to come out
    - They are designed to develop your real character
    - You can miss opportunities being so caught up in yourself
- Matthew 5:41
  - Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two
    - That's the heart that God wants in his people and his believers
- Genesis 24:20
  - Imagine if we went the extra mile in churches, in homes, in society
  - She was beautiful and strong
  - If a man cares about a woman, he will be willing to meet her family and friends
- Genesis 24:58
  - Rebecca was selected and was given a dowry
  - She was selected for Isaac
    - God has selected you but you must answer to the call
  - We may fall in love by chance, but we stay in love by choice
- Genesis 24:66-67
  - Rebecca became Isaac's wife all because she helped someone with water
  - There are things in your future that you unlock by how passionately you serve
  - When we live more like Jesus, that's when we are rewarded
  - The son of man came to the earth to serve
  - So we need to serve
  - When you are in a relationship, the mentality should be how to be a blessing to the other person
    - Your life will become rich
  - Live a life not just focused on you
  - Jesus wants to be the Rebecca in your life
  - Be wise with your award
    - There is balance to everything
  - Rebecca has Jesus' mindset
  - Instead of pressing toward the prize, press towards the mark
    - When you press towards the mark, you will get the prize