

# THE SERVANT GIRL: REBECCA:

A Faith That Foregoes Public Accolades For God's Blessing

SERIES: "DEVELOPING A FAITH THAT WORKS"  
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## Key Verse:

We are simply God's servants...Each one of us does the work which the Lord gave him to do:  
-1 Corinthians 3:5 (TEV)

You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity. -2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

## The Rebecca Principal:

A. You Can't Walk the \_\_\_\_\_  
Until You've Walked the \_\_\_\_\_.

"Drink, sir," she said. She quickly lowered her jar to her hand and gave him a drink."  
-Genesis 24:18 (GW)

"When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, 'I'll also keep drawing water for your camels until they've had enough to drink.'" -Genesis 24:19 (GW)

B. Extra \_\_\_\_\_ Result From Extra \_\_\_\_\_.

For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. -Matthew 7:2 (NIV)

## Rebecca's Commitment To Serve:

\_\_\_\_\_ Camels at \_\_\_\_\_ gallons each = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons

\_\_\_\_\_ gallons drawn with a 5-gallon jar = \_\_\_\_\_ trips

\_\_\_\_\_ trips at (a conservative) 3 minutes each = \_\_\_\_\_ !

Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity. -Luke 6:38 (MSG)

[see also Philippians 4:19 (MSG)]

## The Three Choices Every Person Must Make:

1. I must choose to accept \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. -John 14:6 (NIV)

2. I must choose to live \_\_\_\_\_.

I tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven. 10 "Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. -Luke 16:9 (NLT)

## The Facts Of Life

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is temporary.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ lasts momentarily.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ eternally.

3. I must choose to focus on \_\_\_\_\_.

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. 19 By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well. -1 Timothy 6:18 (TLB)

Our Savior Jesus poured out new life so generously. 7 God's gift has restored our relationship with him and given us back our lives. And there's more life to come—an eternity of life! 8 You can count on this... -Titus 3:6-8a (MSG)

[see also 1 John 2:17 (MSG)]

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If Rebecca were alive today, what would you ask her?
2. What do you think motivated Rebecca to offer to water Abraham's servant's camels?
3. What can we learn from the example of Rebecca?
4. Take time to pray for the needs of your group.

### ANSWER KEY:

Second Mile; First; Blessings; Effort; 10; 20; 200; 200; 40; 40; 2 Hours; Jesus; generously; Life; Happiness; I will live; eternity

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