

Edward Church May 8, 2016

# MOTHER'S DAY 2016

**Genesis 24** 

# MOTHER'S DAY

It's Mothers Day...

...Again!

...Time to Feel

- Below Standard
- Far From Perfect
- Never Ever Able to Reach

Not Today!!!



# Rebekah

#### Rebekah Was ..

- Far From Perfect
- Dysfunctional Family
- Showed Favoritism
- Could Be Deceitful
- But God Chose to Use Her Anyway



It was Her Attitude Before She Had Ever Seen Isaac that...
...Makes Her Stand Out!

It was the Reason God Used a Less than Perfect Woman...
...to Help Give Birth to a Great Nation

# **Genesis 24:17-19**

"Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar." She said, "Drink, my lord"; and she quickly lowered her jar to her hand, and gave him a drink. Now when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw also for your camels until they have finished drinking.""

**Opportunity was Coming Her Way...** 

# Opportunity from God is Made Up of Three Things

- Growth
- Service
- Promotion

One of the Stars of this Story is Rebecca –

another star often overlooked..... Camels

Camels are Awkward, Big, Ugly...

- No Manners
- Bite You
- Step On You
- Spit On You



#### Camels are Awkward, Big, Ugly...

- No Manners
- They Bite
- Step On You
- Spit On You

**Guess What?** 

God is Sending Camels into Your Life...

**oPersons** 

**oPlaces** 

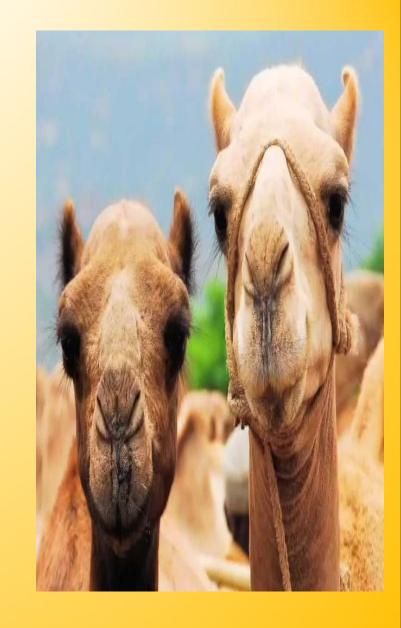
**oThings** 

They are Always Associated with...

**o**Growth

**oService** 

Promotion



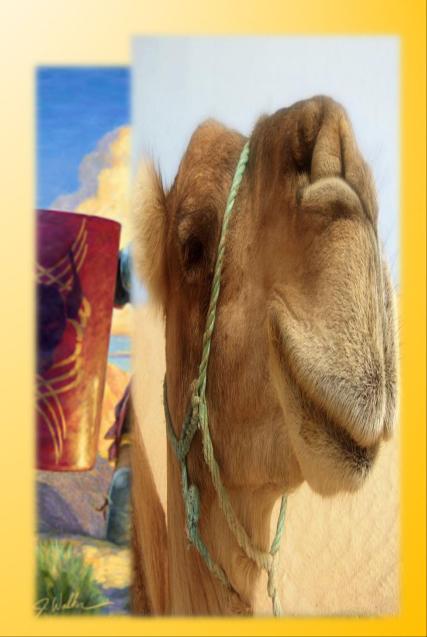




# Happy Mother's Day !!

# God Used the Camel to Bring Opportunity for ...

- #1- Growth
  - Sometimes God Sends a Giant (David)
  - Sometimes He Sends a Camel (Reb)
     Always For Growth
    - oAll We Can See If Not Looking
      - ...Big Giants
        - ...Stinky Camels



# God Used the Camel to Bring Opportunity for ...

- #1- Growth
  - #2- Service
- Flexing our Servant Muscles is the Quickest Way to...
  - ...Please God and Grow in Him
    - Average (we live in a world were average is normal)
    - Jesus was Against Average
    - Go Second Mile= Matt 5:41
      - oRebekah (capture by beauty)=beautiful inside/ out
      - oDan 6:3, "..excellent spirit.."



# The Camel Brings..... Opportunity for ...

- #1- Growth
  #2- Service
  - Goes Beyond ...Normal Stopping Points
  - Crowded (13)
  - Call -distance -ran (20)
  - Climb -History says well on hill

#### **Goes Beyond**

- ...Abnormal Stopping Points
- 10 Camels
- 20/30 Gals Each
- 5 Gal Pitcher
- Stand Line
- Far Away –Ran
- Up Hill
- 40/60 Trips
- Time -2-3 Hrs.

#### The Camel Brings..... Opportunity for ...

- #1- Growth-
- #2- Service-
  - #3- Promotion-
- **She Took Time for Service for Camels-**
  - Soon She Would Own Those Camels + a Whole Lot More
  - Watering of the Camels = a Sign to the Servant
  - Shows Him that Rebekah Had...
     ...the Characteristics of Abraham's Family

Do You Have the Family Trait?

Step Beyond Average!!!







# God is Looking For a Second Mile Mom!!

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I am Much Cuter than a Camel