**In GEN 24, BEFORE YOU SAY I DO…**

**-Pastor Dan**

**#1) Introduction With The FAMILY.**

***28****The young woman ran and told her mother’s household about these things.* ***29****Now*

*Rebekah had a brother named* ***Laban****, and he hurried out to the man at the spring.* Genesis 24:28-29

***30****As soon as he had seen the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister’s arms, and had*

*heard Rebekah tell what the man said to her, he went out to the man and found him standing by the camels near the spring.****31****“Come, you who are blessed by the Lord,” he said. “Why are you standing out here? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels.”* Genesis 24:30-31

***32****So the man went to the house, and the* ***camels were unloaded.*** *Straw and fodder*

*were brought for the camels, and water for him and his men to wash their feet.****33****Then food was set before him, but he said, “I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say.” “Then tell us,” Laban said.* Genesis 24:32-33

**#2) God Is At Work HERE. [Business 1st, Fellowship 2nd]**

***34****So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant.****35****The Lord has blessed my master abundantly,*

*and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.****36****My master’s wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns.****37****And my master made me swear an oath, and said, ‘You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live,****38****but go to my father’s family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.’* ***39****“Then I asked my master, ‘What if the woman will not come back with me?’* Genesis 24:34-39

***40****“He replied, ‘The Lord, before whom I have* ***walked faithfully****, will send his* ***angel with you****and make your journey a success, so that you can get a wife for my son from my own clan and from my father’s family.****41****You will be released from my oath if, when you go to my clan, they refuse to give her to you—then you will be released from my oath.’* Genesis 24:40-41

**#3) Family Agreement: God Is IN This.**

***49****Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.”* ***50Laban and Bethuel***

*answered, “****This is from the Lord****; we can say nothing to you one way or the other.****51****Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master’s son, as the****Lord has directed.” 52****When Abraham’s servant heard what they said,* ***he bowed down to the ground before the Lord****.* Genesis 24:49-51

**#4) Once You Sense God’s Direction: Go ALL IN.**

***53****Then the servant brought out gold and silver* ***jewelry*** *and articles of* ***clothing****and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly* ***gifts****to her brother and to her mother.****54****Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night there. When they got up the next morning, he said, “****Send me on my way****to my master.”* Genesis 24:53-54

***55****But her brother and her mother replied, “Let the young woman remain with us ten days or so; then you may go.”* ***56****But he said to them, “****Do not detain me****, now that the Lord has granted success to my journey. Send me on my way so I may go to my master.”* ***57****Then they said, “Let’s call the young woman and ask her about it.”****58****So they called Rebekah and asked her, “****Will you go*** *with this man?”* ***“I will go,”****she said.* Genesis 24:55-58

**#5) Immediate Family: BLESS Them!**

***59****So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse*

*and Abraham’s servant and his men.****60****And* ***they blessed Rebekah*** *and said to her, “Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.”* Genesis 24:59-60

**#6) Plan To LOVE Your Spouse.**

***63****Isaac went out to the field one evening to* ***meditate****, and as he looked up,*

*he saw camels approaching...****65****and (she) asked the servant, “Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?” “He is my master,” the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.* Genesis 24:64-65

***66****Then the servant told Isaac all he had done.****67****Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife,* ***and he loved her****; and Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.* Genesis 24:66-67