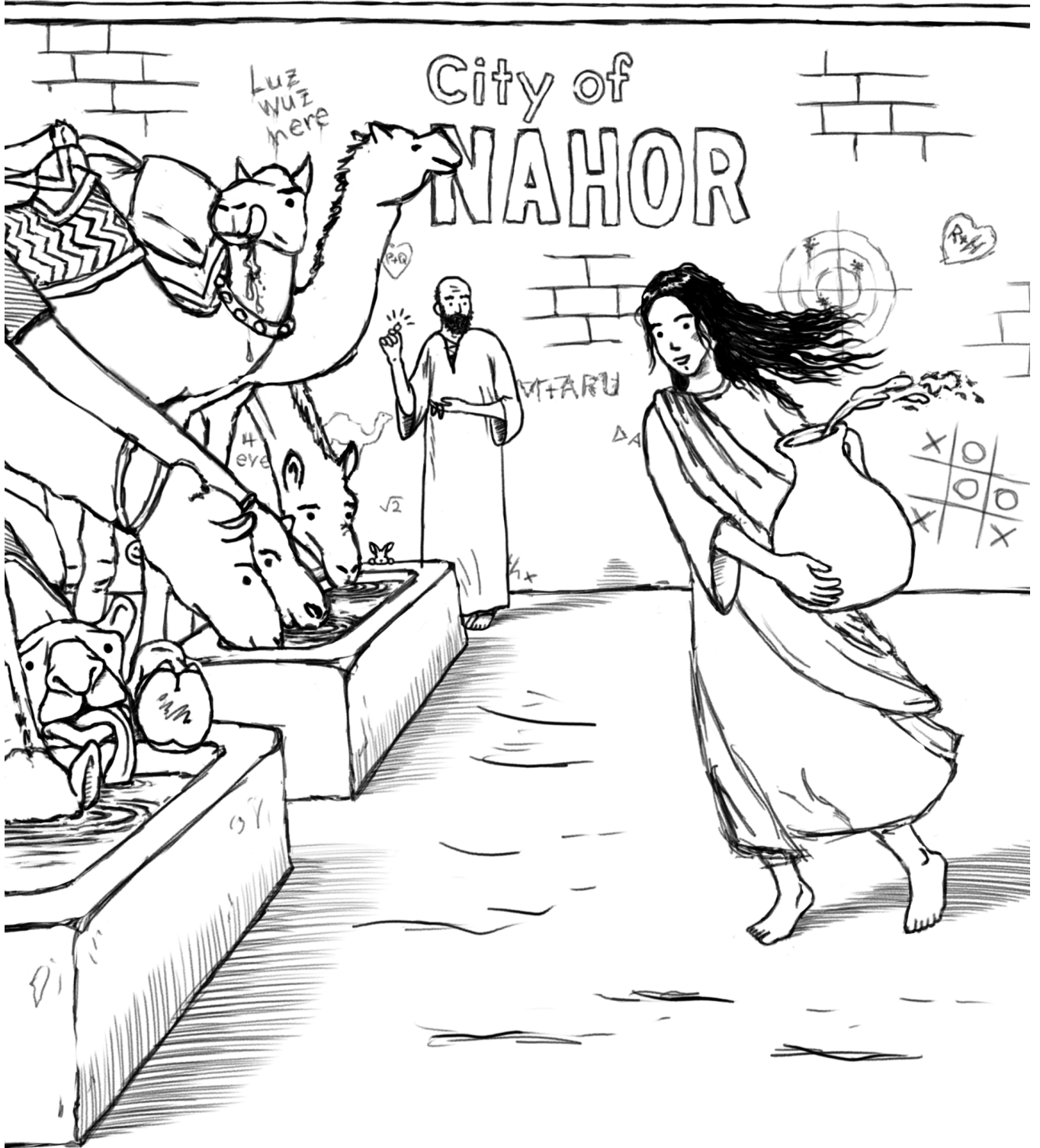




Lesson 15

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to those whose hearts have been broken. He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.

The Death of Sarah

Genesis 23:1–2

¹Sarah lived to be 127 years old. ²She died at Kiriath Arba. Kiriath Arba is also called Hebron. It's in the land of Canaan. Sarah's death made Abraham very sad. He went to the place where her body was lying. There he wept over her.

Questions

- ① How old did Sarah live to be? Sarah lived to be _____ years old. (Gen. 23:1)
- ② How did Abraham react to Sarah dying? Abraham was _____. He went to the place where her body was lying and _____ over her. (Gen. 23:2)

Abraham's Servant Finds a Wife for Isaac: Part 1

Genesis 24:1–27

¹By that time Abraham was very old. The Lord had blessed Abraham in every way. ²The best servant in his house was in charge of everything Abraham had. Abraham said to him, "Put your hand under my thigh. ³The Lord is the God of heaven and the God of earth. I want you to make a promise to me in His name. I'm living among the people of Canaan. But I want you to promise me that you won't get a wife for my son from their daughters. ⁴Instead, promise me that you will go to my country and to my own relatives. Get a wife for my son Isaac from there."

⁵The servant asked Abraham, "What if the woman doesn't want to come back with me to this land? Then should I take your son back to the country you came from?"

⁶"Make sure you don't take my son back there," Abraham said. ⁷"The Lord, the God of heaven, took me away from my father's family. He brought me out of my own land. He made me a promise. He said, 'I will give this land to your family after you.' The Lord will send His angel ahead of you. So you will be able to get a wife for my son from there. ⁸The woman may not want to come back with you. If she doesn't, you will be free from your promise. But don't take my son back there." ⁹So the servant put his hand under Abraham's thigh. He promised to do what his master wanted.

¹⁰The servant chose ten of his master's camels and left. He loaded the camels with all kinds of good

things from his master. He started out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor. ¹¹He stopped near the well outside the town. There he made the camels get down on their knees. It was almost evening, the time when women go out to get water.

¹²Then he prayed, "Lord, You are the God of my master Abraham. Make me successful today. Be kind to my master Abraham. ¹³I'm standing beside this spring. The daughters of the people who live in the town are coming out here to get water. ¹⁴I will speak to a young woman. I'll say to her, 'Please lower your jar so I can have a drink.' Suppose she says, 'Have a drink of water, and I'll get some for your camels too.' Then let her be the one You have chosen for Your servant Isaac. That's how I'll know You have been kind to my master."

¹⁵Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out. She was carrying a jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Milkah's son Bethuel. Milkah was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor. ¹⁶The young woman was very beautiful. No man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring. She filled her jar and came up again.

¹⁷The servant hurried to meet her. He said, "Please give me a little water from your jar."

¹⁸"Have a drink, sir," she said. She quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

¹⁹After she had given him a drink, she said, "I'll get water for your camels too. I'll keep doing it until they have had enough to drink." ²⁰So she quickly emptied her jar into the stone tub. Then she ran back to the well to get more water. She got enough for all his camels. ²¹The man didn't say a word. He watched her closely. He wanted to learn whether the Lord had given him success on the journey he had made.

²²The camels finished drinking. Then the man took out a gold nose ring. It weighed about a fifth of an ounce. He also took out two gold bracelets. They weighed about four ounces. ²³Then he asked, "Whose daughter are you? And please tell me something else. Is there room in your father's house for us? Can we spend the night there?"

²⁴She answered, "I'm the daughter of Bethuel. He's the son Milkah had by Nahor." ²⁵She continued, "We have plenty of straw and feed for your camels. We also have room for you to spend the night."

²⁶Then the man bowed down and worshipped the Lord. ²⁷He said, "I praise the Lord, the God of my master Abraham. The Lord hasn't stopped being kind and faithful to my master. The Lord has led me on this journey. He has brought me to the house of my master's relatives."

Questions

- 3 How did the Lord bless Abraham? The Lord blessed Abraham in _____ way. (Gen. 24:1)
- 4 Who was in charge of everything Abraham had when Abraham was very old? The _____ servant in Abraham's house was in charge of everything Abraham had. (Gen. 24:2)
- 5 Is the Lord only the God of heaven? (Yes/No) _____. The Lord is the God of heaven *and* the God of _____. (Gen. 24:3)
- 6 What did Abraham want his best servant to promise? Abraham wanted his best servant to promise that he wouldn't get a _____ for Abraham's son Isaac from the daughters of **C** _____. (Gen. 24:3)

- 7 Where did Abraham want his servant to go to get a wife for Isaac? Why? Abraham wanted his servant to go to Abraham's birth country, Ur of the Chaldees, because Abraham wanted Isaac's wife to be one of h (opposite of "her") own relatives. (Gen. 24:4)
- 8 What was the servant's concern? The servant was concerned that the woman might h want to come back with him to the land Abraham was now living in. (Gen. 24:5)
- 9 What did the servant suggest he do if the woman wouldn't come back with him? The servant suggested that he then t Isaac back to Abraham's birth country. (Gen. 24:5)
- 10 Did Abraham think this was a good idea? (Yes/No) _____. Why not? Because the Lord had taken Abraham _____ from his father's family and brought him _____ of his own land. The Lord had _____ Abraham that He would _____ the land where Abraham was living now to his family after him. (Gen. 24:6-7)
- 11 Whom did Abraham say the Lord would send ahead of the servant when the servant made the trip to find Isaac a wife? Abraham said the Lord would send His _____ ahead of the servant. (Gen. 24:7)
- 12 What did Abraham tell the servant to do if the woman didn't want to come back with him? Abraham told the servant to do n (opposite of "something"). The servant would then be free from his promise to Abraham. (Gen. 24:8)
- 13 Did the servant promise Abraham he would do what his master wanted? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 24:9)
- 14 What did the servant take with him? The servant took with him ten _____ and _____ kinds of _____ things from his master. (Gen. 24:10)
- 15 Where did the servant stop? The servant stopped near a _____ outside the town of _____. (Gen. 24:10-11)
- 16 What did the servant make the ten camels do? The servant made the ten camels get _____ on their _____. (Gen. 24:11)
- 17 What time of day was it? It was almost _____, when _____ would go out to get _____. (Gen. 24:11)
- 18 What did the servant do? The servant p _____ to the Lord. (Gen. 24:12)
- 19 What did the servant ask of the Lord? The servant asked of the Lord that if a young woman were to kindly give him a drink of _____ when he asks, but then also *offer* to get water for all ten

camels too, he would know that woman was the one the Lord had **C** _____ to be the wife of Isaac. (Gen. 24:14)

- 20 Did God answer the servant's prayer *after* he had finished praying? (Yes/No) _____. God answered the servant's prayer **b** _____ he had finished praying. (Gen. 24:15)



Remember: Before you even finish your prayers, God is already at work answering them.

Isaiah 65:24

Even before they call out to Me, I will answer them. While they are still speaking, I will hear them.

- 21 What was the name of the first girl who came out to get water? Her name was _____. (Gen. 24:15)
- 22 Who was Rebekah? Rebekah was the daughter of Milkah's son _____. Milkah was the _____ of Abraham's _____ Nahor. (Gen. 24:15)
- 23 What did Rebekah look like? Rebekah was _____. (Gen. 24:16)
- 24 Was Rebekah a virgin? (Yes/No) _____. No man had ever _____ with her. (Gen. 24:16)
- 25 Who hurried to meet Rebekah when she went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up again? The _____ hurried to meet Rebekah. (Gen. 24:17)
- 26 What did the servant ask Rebekah for? The servant asked Rebekah for a _____ water from her _____. (Gen. 24:17)
- 27 How fast did Rebekah respond to the servant's request? Rebekah _____ lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. (Gen. 24:18)
- 28 What did Rebekah say to the servant after she gave him a drink? She said she would _____ water for his _____ too. (Gen. 24:19)
- 29 How did Rebekah move? She _____ emptied her jar into the stone tub and then _____ back to the well to get more water, enough for _____ the camels. (Gen. 24:20)
- 30 What was the servant's response when he saw all this? The servant *didn't* say a _____. He just _____ her closely. (Gen. 24:21)
- 31 What did the servant do after the camels finished drinking? The servant took out a _____ nose _____ and two _____ to give to Rebekah. (Gen. 24:22)

- 32 What did Rebekah say to the servant when he asked her if there was room in her father's house for him and his ten camels to spend the night? Rebekah said, "**Y**_____." (Gen. 24:25)
- 33 What did the servant do when he saw that the Lord had truly answered his prayer? The servant _____ down and _____ the Lord. (Gen. 24:26)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?

