

God's Calling Requirements Part 4

Be A Faithful Servant of God

We will study in this message a life of a righteous man who served honestly and responded to God's call effectively. This God's servant was the servant of Abraham. *"1 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh."* (Genesis 24:1-2 KJV) Here we can observe the following requirements that this servant accomplished to fulfill his calling:

1. Abiding with the instructions: Abraham entrusted his servant with a great task and he did the task wholeheartedly and without compromising. Abraham in his old age was facing the task of finding a wife to his son Isaac. Abraham would not be able to go and even Isaac is not allowed to go on that mission, therefore God called that man to do that particular task. It was not be possible to take for Isaac any woman from the Canaanites around them, so Abraham told to his servant: *"3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell."* (Genesis 24:3 KJV) That was the instruction that this servant committed himself to do for God and for his teacher Abraham who instructed him with the word of God. **To serve God you need to abide with the instruction that you are receiving. You are an important person for God to do Him certain task and once you commit yourself to do a certain task then you need to abide with the given instruction.**

2. Verify any doubt with the one who gave you the instruction to grasp the spiritual principle behind the instruction: The Lord had put in the heart of Abraham that if there will be a woman from his old family who is willing to come out from that tradition and religion and join them in their new life for God then she will be the right woman for Isaac. So he instructed his servant with the following: *"4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac."* (Genesis 24:4 KJV) Then the servant asked him *"5 Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?"* (Genesis 24:5 KJV) The servant knew that it will be hard for a woman to leave her family and move to live far away from them. That is why he was verifying with Abraham about all the possibilities, and that what made Abraham affirming to him the following, *"6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again."* (Genesis 24:6 KJV) The point of Abraham that his son Isaac should not go back to the old religion and tradition because when God had called Abraham He told him, *"1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee."* (Genesis 12:1 KJV) So Abraham now was working to ensure that his son Isaac would not go back to what he was before God had called him. This faithful servant was not taking the instruction blindly but with deep understanding. The instruction that Abraham put on his servant is difficult but the principle behind was noble and Godly one, *'Not to take Isaac back to the place where God had taken out Abraham.'* **Many people when God call them or when they receive instruction they will not verify the principle behind the instruction. When the principle is not grasped the people instead of serving with joy and faith they will go on with heavy heart, frustration and grumbling. That servant did not go to the right or to the left but he verified it directly with Abraham. When you receive instruction and you are not convinced or happy with, then at once verify it with the**

person who gave it to you and find out the bottom line of the spiritual principle behind it so that you can grasp, obey and put in action.

3. Take the call of God and obey Him with faith: In addition to the above instructions, Abraham imparted the message of faith to his servant as he told him, *"7 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence."* (Genesis 24:7 KJV) And he made it also clear to him that in no way to compromise and bring his son back there, *"8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again."* (Genesis 24:8 KJV) **When you grasp the calling of God, you will serve Him with faith, for He is there to back you up and you do not need to compromise with anyone.**

4. Do not be afraid to commit yourself: The servant complied with God's call and committed himself to do the task: *"9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter."* (Genesis 24:9 KJV) **Commit yourself to work with God to bring to life Godly marriages.**

5. Be diligent in your service: *"10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. 11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water."* (Genesis 24:10-11 KJV) He moved with faith in God, and in His heart he wanted to achieve the task faithfully and swiftly to God and to his master Abraham. **Do not linger or hanged on when God is calling you. But be quick to put on the ground the mission of God.**

6. Be prayerful in applying the instruction given to you: Therefore when he reached there, *"12 And he said O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. 13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: 14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. 15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder."* (Genesis 24:12-15 KJV) So before he finished praying God answered his prayer because his heart was clean and was set to serve God wholeheartedly, and to obey his teacher Abraham. He knew that it is not God's will to bring Isaac back to the old tradition, so the message of God would be truthfully conveyed to the next generation. **In the mission field God will answer your prayer as long as you keep faith on Him, living a righteous life and abiding with the principle of God's call.** The prayer of a righteous man avails much. This servant he did not pray much but he obeyed much and that is why his prayer was answered. **Therefore obey much then you will find yourselves know how to pray, as well as you will find yourself in the field and the harvest of answered prayers.**

7. Act as a watchman and with discretion to be sure of God's choice and how he is answering your prayer: "16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. 18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. 19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. 20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. 21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not." (Genesis 24:16-21 KJV) God truly answered that servant prayer and confirmed them as he watched closely how God was moving to help him to achieve the mission entrusted to him. **As your heart is fully committed to serve God and to do His will, then the Lord will help you and uphold you with His grace to do His will.** God confirmed to the servant the instructions that he received from his Master Abraham and the things went very smooth after that. "22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold; 23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in? 24 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor. 25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in." (Genesis 24:22-25 KJV)

8. Praise and thank God for what He achieve to you in your mission: "26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD. 27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren." (Genesis 24:26-27 KJV) The servant of Abraham praised and thanked the Lord for the achievement that he accomplished. **While we are doing the mission work and serving Him, the Lord would achieve certain things, and we need to be very careful and not forget to thank Him. In this way, we are acknowledging His faithfulness toward us in the task we do. Therefore, rejoice as you watch everything is arranged for you, as had happened with that faithful servant.**

9. Remember always that the steps of the righteous man are ordained by the Lord: "28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things. 29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. 30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well. 31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. 32 And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him." (Genesis 24:28-32 KJV) Truly the steps of the feet of the righteous man is ordained by the Lord as God's Word said Truly the steps of the feet of the righteous man are ordained by the Lord as God's Word said **"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."** (Psalm 37:23 KJV) **Things will fall in place and God will be glorified in your service and ministry as you delight to serve Him wholeheartedly. Therefore, live a righteous life and God will direct your steps toward what is good for you.**

10. Do the mission of God first and do not let food delay you: "33 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on." (Genesis 24:33 KJV) The servant was so faithful to his master and to God, that even after long journey, he would not eat in their house unless he will tell them why he came and unless they will agree with him and send the girl with him. So he told them the whole story: "34 And he said, I am Abraham's servant. 35 And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. 37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: 38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son. 39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. 40 And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: 41 Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath. 42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: 43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; 44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son. 45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. 46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. 47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. 48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son. 49 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left." (Genesis 24:34-49 KJV) He told them everything and waited for their decision. There is no way that Isaac will go back, but Rebekah to come out and to follow the way of God that Abraham and Isaac are following; if they will agree he will eat, if not then he will go back. Be always careful about food. Devil will use food to tempt you as he tempted the woman in Genesis 3, "1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons." (Genesis 3:1-7 KJV) And how he tempted Jesus as we read in Matthew 4, "1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and

forty nights, he was afterward an hundred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:1-4 KJV)

11. Do not be afraid of people: The family of Rebekah agree to do God’s will, “50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. 51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken. (Genesis 24:50-51 KJV) As you obey God He will be the one to bend the people before you and you do not need to be afraid and compromise.

12. Give always the credit to God: “52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. 53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. 54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night.” (Genesis 24:52-54) Never forget to praise God and give Him all glory as He answers your prayer.

13. Be firm and never compromise with men: “And they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. 55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. 56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. 57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth. 58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.” (Genesis 24:54-58) The family of Rebekah after they agreed they wanted to delay the servant ten days more, and most likely, what they will do in these ten days, the traditional and the ritual things that they used to practice, and may be they will ask from him money, or even they may change their minds. But the servant was firm with them and his mind was clear; he challenged them that he is going back and he will not delay, and he forced them to ask the girl if she is willing to go with him then he will take her. Truly they were put in their right place and comply with God’s will. “59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. 61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.” (Genesis 24:59-61 KJV) The servant was so faithful to the mission of God. He was not a worldly man. Someone else might stay and enjoy food and celebration or have a tour around in the region and see the nature. Worldliness will not help us in our walk with God but it makes our life and our mission work more difficult.

14. Report everything honestly: “62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country. 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. 65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.” (Genesis 24:62-66) The faithful servant reported the whole story of how God led him and how God answered his prayer and how He gave him the wisdom to speak and how finally Rebekah came out from that tradition and faith.

15. Rejoice that others are blessed with your ministry: Then, “67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.” (Genesis 24:67 KJV) God will reward you for your service to Him as you are serving His faithful people and bringing the truth to the next generation.

My Dear and Beloved: Take heed of the message, follow the principles and be faithful to God and to the instructions that you received. Let us go again through the instructions.

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5. Be diligent in your service.
6. Be prayerful in applying the instruction given to you.
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8. Praise and thank God for what He achieve to you in your mission.
9. Remember always that the steps of the righteous man are ordained by the Lord.
10. Do the mission of God first and do not let food and other entertainment delay you.
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12. Give always the credit to God.
13. Be firm and never compromise with men.
14. Report everything honestly.
15. Rejoice that others are blessed with your ministry.

As that servant obeyed the instruction of Abraham and secured a Godly wife for Isaac to have Godly children, and for the truth of God’s word to pass to the next generation, you also do the same; stand firm, be on your guard and not compromise in order that the truth and the message of God will pass faithfully to the next generation as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God thank you for your clear message to me. I come before you in the name of Jesus, I commit myself to stand firm in doing the mission and the task that you entrust to me. Lord I have a clear mind and I will not compromise. I know very well that you had called me; I will serve you faithfully to bring your message and the truth of your word to the next generation. Give me the strength and the good health to do that, protect me and provide for me.

Lord I repent from doing my own and I repent from disobeying the instruction that was given to me in the following matter _____. (Confess to God how you disobeyed the instruction that the church leader had been given to you).

Lord help each and every one of my Brothers and Sister who repented of doing their own will and going on their own ways, to abide with the instruction that was given to them.

Lord bless your church and help each and every one of us to evangelize and make disciples, teaching them your word and bring them to your feet. Lord I pray for more areas to be open to

the Gospel of Jesus. Lord I pray that people will be attracted to you through our good example and the way we live for you and the way we obey the instructions. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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