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## LADIES, LET'S BE REBEKAH

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I find that being a wife these days has taken on a different perspective that doesn't fit the scripture. Being a contemporary woman, I have lived the life thinking I can have it all. Be a good wife, a good mother, and have a great career. Yes, to many I did that. However, when the Lord let me know it was time to retire from full time pastorate and dedicate my time to my son, then my life took on a different twist. In addition, it also meant spending time at home caring for my husband who works a tough job with a lot of demands on him. This was all very new to me. I realized that I was not really prepared for the sacrifice this would require.



While reading a book titled, "Seeing through the Lies" by Vonda Skelton, I had to face some serious character flaws which were hindering me from being successful in the role God had placed me. The book details that when Abraham's servant went to get Isaac a wife, he did not pray to Abraham's God and ask that she be beautiful, talented, have a degree, etc. Genesis 24:14 states his prayer request as follows: "And let it so be that the girl to whom I say, 'I pray you, let down your jar that I may drink, and she replies, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also' – let her be the one whom You have selected and appointed and indicated for Your servant Isaac [to be a wife to him];" The author stated that he was petitioning the Lord for a wife who had a servant's heart. Being sexy or pretty wasn't the criteria. This really struck my heart. The book also indicated that it could take hours for her to give water to all the camel as he brought 10 with him and they can consume up to 21 gallons of water each. For Rebekah to volunteer for such a task shows she was not self-centered in the least. She put the needs of others before herself.

My new role requires the same of me and I've never been in a situation wherein this was my full time responsibility. It really requires a selfless state of mind to take care of others daily and put yourself on the end of the list. My son, an adult that is developmentally disabled and battles depression, has needs that are often challenging. My husband often requests me to do things that I think he can handle on his own. So, I have to be rewired to operate like Rebekah.

Maybe you are in a similar situation. God will honor our servanthood toward those who need us. We should not withhold giving our support nor resent giving it because it seems demanding or sometimes viewed as unnecessary. Rebekah would not have been the wife for Isaac with that selfish attitude. Lord, help me and my other sisters to be like Rebekah!!

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