

“He responded, ‘The Lord, in whose presence I have lived, will send his angel with you and will make your mission successful. Yes, you must find a wife for my son from among my relatives, from my father’s family.’” Genesis 24:40 NLT

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Abraham told his servant that God would dispatch an angel to assist and make his mission successful! He also said, if you cannot find a wife from my people you are released for your oath. So, faith was active, but also left the servant with a sense of relief if it did not happen. The servant prayed a sweet prayer for help, calling on Abraham’s God and came up with a nice little attitude test. Water for me and my camels. I’m sure there are some customs and culture involved here, but it’s clear that not every single girl was about to offer help when she was already burdened with the task of receiving water for her family. See the similarities to the woman at the well in John 5? Jesus wasn’t looking for a wife, but he might have been looking for a missionary! God was faithful to provide and is faithful to provide today as well.

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Dad,

Fear is the word today. For Abraham, he had to have a wife for his son. Today it’s this crazy virus and our country being super cautious about it spreading. So the virus is NOT the source of fear. A lack of food is! With the quarantine comes panic. The stores have already been emptied of food because of panic. Toilet paper was the first to go, now almost everything. But you are our source. We’ve got to remember that you ARE at work in the middle of chaos. You work to bring peace. I pray you help me be a calm presence with my family, friends and neighbors.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root