

“Then food was served. But Abraham’s servant said, “I don’t want to eat until I have told you why I have come.”  
 “All right,” Laban said, “tell us.” Genesis 24:33 NLT

## [lectio] // GENESIS 24:34-41

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

**BONUS DAY.** I didn’t re-order from Lectio Divina in time, so i’ve got few days from last year. Abraham’s servant called, “the man,” wants to tell the whole story, so he tells it twice in this chapter. We have a tradition around our dinner table - we tell stories. We don’t just ask, “how was your day?” we say tell us some stories from your day. Sometimes we ask highs and lows of the day or the week, but they also come with stories. We are a family of story tellers. My adult children tell me that I tell the longest stories, but they’ll catch up as they get older! Abraham’s servant tells Laban, Rachel’s brother the whole story! He even includes the blessing that God gave Abraham and Sarah to be wealthy. I like this guy. He tells about his assignment, his mission. He tells about his prayer and his plan. He tells about how a beautiful woman seemingly comes out of nowhere and he even includes his question to God, “is that her?” You feel like you’re there! You feel like you don’t know how it ends but you already know the ending, but you want to hear it anyways. I’m sure Isaac and Rachel invited this guy back on their tenth or twenty fifth wedding anniversary, just to tell all the kids the story of how it happened. I believe God is the most grand storyteller ever. These are not fables, which I also love, these are true stories. The God of all creation, who writes all the stories of our entire planet and all of our souls AND he totally believes in happy endings. Jesus is the happy ending to all stories. That’s not a “make you feel good about all things” statement - it is truth. Jesus has actually taken ALL my bad stories, my dark dramas and revealed his ending... constantly- and it’s happy.

## [oratio]

Dad,

I love your grand stories. I love the characters you’ve chosen and the evil plot lines along the way. I like to see the villains, the arch-enemies and how they really are evil. I also like to see how they get their due because of your justice. People can choose to play these roles, right? Good, bad, helper, destroyer - right? I don’t believe you MADE them this way, only let them be what they truly desired to become. Is that some of the choice of heaven? To choose Jesus, freely and let him make me into a true hero, a helper? Hmmmm, I wonder.

## [contemplatio]

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