

***Intro:***

EP (Main point of text): Abraham's servant seeks the LORD's guidance in finding a wife for the son of the promise; God provides, and the servant praises Him for yet another proof of His faithful covenant mercy.

HP (Main application of text): *Christ never abandons you.*

***Move 1: Seek the Lord to guide and provide for you in everything.***

- Vs. 12. Asks for God's speed and success according to "Hesed", covenant mercy.
- Vs. 13-14: Has faith of His master (Gen. 18:19). Asks the Lord to let it happen to know God's choice. Seeks assurance that God will keep His merciful promise to Abraham/seed.
- God responds to faithful prayer: vs. 15.

***Move 2: Walk with the Lord as He leads you through everything.***

Based on God's promised, looks for/finds a certain kind of woman based on conduct in vss. 14-22:

- While she is noted as very beautiful, what he seeks is inner beauty seen by her behavior.
- Vs. 16: A virgin, emphasized by repetition: no man knew her. Available, and pure.
- Vss. 14, 18-20. Service first according to request (gives him drink). Then of her own initiative (waters camels). She was quick about it, unaware of significance of event.

He came prepared and acts on opportunities: vss. 1/11: goods/camels, place/time women come.

Quickly goes after girl to talk: Vs. 17. Vs. 21: watches to be sure. Gets her attention: vs. 22. Vs. 23: He moves things along to seek parents' involvement/blessing.

***Move 3: Praise the Lord Jesus for His faithful covenant mercy to you always.***

- Vs. 24 (and 15), foreshadowed at end of Gen 23. Vs. 25: plenty of room to stay!
- His response: vs. 26. Being set up by Verse. 21 (also wonders in providential development).
- Why does God do this for the servant? He's Abraham's servant. Vs. 27: mercy and truth (faithfulness, firmness, trustworthiness) to His Abrahamic Covenant.
- Especially Vs. 27. Abraham not left destitute: "cut loose, dessert, abandon". God never abandons His promises to His covenant children, thus He never abandons them.

***Conclusion:***

HP: *Christ never abandons you.*