

The Spirit-led journey of the bride of Christ

As Abraham grew old, he became deeply aware of the covenant God had made with him, a promise that through his son Isaac, a great nation would come, one that would bless all the families of the earth. But Isaac was still unmarried, and Abraham, knowing the significance of Isaac's lineage, determined that he must not marry a woman from the surrounding Canaanite nations. These nations did not fear the Lord, and their idolatry and culture would corrupt the covenantal line.

So Abraham called in his most trusted servant, the steward of his entire household, and gave him a solemn charge. Placing his hand under Abraham's thigh, a gesture of sworn oath in ancient culture, the servant vowed to travel to Abraham's homeland and find a wife for Isaac from among his own people.

Abraham made it clear: Isaac was not to return to the land Abraham had left behind. God had brought Abraham into the Promised Land, and that was where Isaac's future must unfold. If the woman would not come, the servant was released from his oath, but Isaac must remain in Canaan, the land of promise.

With ten camels laden with gifts and supplies, the servant set out for the city of Nahor in Mesopotamia, trusting the God of his master to guide the journey. When he arrived outside the city, he stopped by a well, the very place where women came to draw water in the cool of the evening. There, in humility and faith, he prayed a specific prayer: that the woman who offered not only water to him but also to his camels would be the one God had appointed for Isaac.

Before he finished speaking, Rebekah appeared. She was beautiful, a virgin, the daughter of Bethuel, son of Abraham's brother Nahor. She graciously offered him water, and without hesitation, drew water for all ten of his camels, no small task, as a single camel can drink gallons after a long journey. Her actions revealed her character: generous, diligent, and kind. The servant watched in awe, realizing God had swiftly answered his prayer.

He then presented Rebekah with gifts of gold, bracelets and a nose ring, and asked about her family. When she confirmed her lineage and invited him to lodge with them, the servant bowed down and worshiped the Lord on the spot, giving glory to the God of Abraham for His faithfulness.

At her home, the servant recounted every detail of his mission and how God had led him. He made his purpose clear: he had come to bring Rebekah back as a bride for Isaac. Her family, recognizing the hand of God, agreed. But before the servant would even eat, he wanted to settle the matter. When they asked Rebekah if she would go, she responded simply and boldly: *"I will go."*

Rebekah's story is more than just a historical account; it's a prophetic blueprint of our walk with God.

When Rebekah said "yes," it wasn't just to a man she'd never met, it was to a destiny she couldn't yet see. She surrendered her entire life to a journey led by someone who carried the will of the father, someone whose only task was to bring her to the groom. This is the same with us.

The Holy Spirit, like Abraham's servant, doesn't speak of Himself. He doesn't act on His own. He reveals the Son, glorifies Him, and faithfully leads the bride through the wilderness of this life, through every trial, every unknown, every delay, toward the day of union.

But the journey begins with a choice: *"Will you go with this man?"*
Rebekah said yes. So must we.

She could not lead herself. She didn't know the way. She had no map, no experience of the land ahead. All she had was trust. And that was enough, because the servant knew the way.

So too, we must yield daily to the Spirit's leading. He is our guardian. He knows the mind of the Father. He hears directly from heaven, and His mission is to bring us to the Son, spotless and prepared.

The desert is part of the journey. It purifies. It teaches trust. It strips us of self-reliance. But the One leading us will not fail. He will glorify Christ in us and present us blameless before Him.

To walk by the Spirit is to surrender to the journey; not knowing exactly where we're going, but trusting the One who does.

"I will go," she said. May that be our heart cry as well.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."
Bride of the Son, beloved of the Father.

Genesis 24:51–61 *"Here is Rebekah before you; take her and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the Lord has spoken." And it came to pass, when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he worshiped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth. Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother. And he and the men who were with him ate and drank and stayed all night. Then they arose in the morning, and he said, "send me away to my master." But her brother and her mother said, "let the young woman stay with us a few days, at least ten; after that she may go." And he said to them, "do not hinder me, since the Lord has prospered my way; send me away so that I may go to my master." So they said, "we will call the young woman and ask her personally." Then they called Rebekah and said to her,*

"will you go with this man? And she said, "I will go." So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her: "Our sister, may you become The mother of thousands of ten thousands; and may your descendants possess the gates of those who hate them." Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed."

John 16:13-15 "However, when He the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak of His own authority, but whatever He hears, he will speak, and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, or He will take what is mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."