

Running With The Giants 4: Rebekah

(Hebrews 12:1 NIV) "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Rebekah would say... "Give generously to others."

(Genesis 24:12-14 NIV) Then he prayed, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a girl, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'-- let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master." Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder.

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The Rebekah Principle

1. You can't be generous and legalistic at the same time.

(2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV) Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2. You can't walk the second mile until you've walked the first.

(Luke 16:10 NIV) Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

3. You can't take it with you but you can send it on ahead.

(Matthew 6:19-20 NIV) Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

4. You can't wait for the feeling. It will follow.

(Matthew 6:21 NIV) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Final Words of Encouragement

✓ **"Even the smallest acts of generosity make a difference."**

(Matthew 10:42 NIV) And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

✓ **"When you give, the impact of your generosity often outlives you."**

(John 4:38 NIV) I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.

✓ **"When you give, you give to the Lord."**

(Matthew 25:40 NIV) I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.