

**Title: The Camel Trophy**  
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### **The right foundation**

#### **Psalm 37:23**

<sup>23</sup>The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way.<sup>24</sup> Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;

#### **Proverbs 16:9**

<sup>9</sup> A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

### **Walking with God**

#### **Matthew 6:33**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

### **Before you start**

#### **Genesis 24:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.<sup>2</sup> So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh,<sup>3</sup>"and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; <sup>4</sup> "but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

### **The identity test**

#### **Genesis 24:5-7**

<sup>5</sup> And the servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?"<sup>6</sup>But Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there."<sup>7</sup>The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

### **The identity test: know your God**

#### **James 1:5-7**

<sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.<sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.<sup>7</sup>For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup>he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

### **The identity test: know yourself**

#### **John 13:3**

<sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,<sup>4</sup>rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

### **The momentum test**

#### **Genesis 24:10-13**

<sup>10</sup>Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods were in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.<sup>11</sup>And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water.<sup>12</sup>Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. <sup>13</sup>"Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water.

## The camel test

### Genesis 24:14-21

<sup>14</sup>"Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink' —let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master."<sup>15</sup>And it happened, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her pitcher on her shoulder. <sup>16</sup>Now the young woman was very beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had known her. And she went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up. <sup>17</sup> And the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher."<sup>18</sup>So she said, "Drink, my lord." Then she quickly let her pitcher down to her hand, and gave him a drink.<sup>19</sup>And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking."<sup>20</sup>Then she quickly emptied her pitcher into the trough, ran back to the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. <sup>21</sup>And the man, wondering at her, remained silent so as to know whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

- Faithfulness
- Friendliness
- Compassion
- Serving
- Hospitality

## The confirmation test

### Genesis 24:48-50

<sup>48</sup>"And I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son."<sup>49</sup>"Now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."<sup>50</sup> Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing comes from the LORD; we cannot speak to you either bad or good.

### The confirmation test: two or three witnesses

#### Proverbs 20:18

Plans are established by counsel; By wise counsel wage war.

#### Proverbs 24:6

For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors there is safety.

#### Jeremiah 17:9

<sup>9</sup>" The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?

## The willing-heart test

### Genesis 24:58

<sup>58</sup>Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" and she said, "I will go."

- It was in her heart to go
- Natural willingness
- Don't use God/spirituality as blackmail

## The family test

### Genesis 24:60

<sup>60</sup>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."

**Checklist**

- initiation
- identity
- momentum / positioning
- will the camels live?
- confirmation
- a willing heart
- family