

Hear My Prayer – Bringing Comfort
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Psalm 17:6 (NIV)

⁶¹I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Genesis 24:61–67 (NLT)

⁶¹Then Rebekah and her servant girls mounted the camels and followed the man. So Abraham's servant took Rebekah and went on his way.

⁶²Meanwhile, Isaac, whose home was in the Negev, had returned from Beer-lahai-roi.

⁶³One evening as he was walking and meditating in the fields, he looked up and saw the camels coming.

⁶⁴When Rebekah looked up and saw Isaac, she quickly dismounted from her camel.

⁶⁵"Who is that man walking through the fields to meet us?" she asked the servant. And he replied, "It is my master." So Rebekah covered her face with her veil.

⁶⁶Then the servant told Isaac everything he had done.

⁶⁷And Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent, and she became his wife. He loved her deeply, and she was a special comfort to him after the death of his mother.

Big Idea: Your actions and _____ bring comfort to others.

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT)

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

3 Key Ways We Bring Comfort To Others...

1. Listen to what is _____.

Genesis 24:1–9 (NLT)

¹Abraham was now a very old man, and the Lord had blessed him in every way.

²One day Abraham said to his oldest servant, the man in charge of his household, "Take an oath by putting your hand under my thigh.

³Swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not allow my son to marry one of these local Canaanite women.

⁴Go instead to my homeland, to my relatives, and find a wife there for my son Isaac."

⁵The servant asked, "But what if I can't find a young woman who is willing to travel so far from home? Should I then take Isaac there to live among your relatives in the land you came from?"

⁶"No!" Abraham responded. "Be careful never to take my son there.

⁷For the Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and my native land, solemnly promised to give this land to my descendants. He will send his angel ahead of you, and he will see to it that you find a wife there for my son.

⁸If she is unwilling to come back with you, then you are free from this oath of mine. But under no circumstances are you to take my son there."

⁹So the servant took an oath by putting his hand under the thigh of his master, Abraham. He swore to follow Abraham's instructions.

2. Pray _____ but live with _____.

Genesis 24:10–16 (NLT)

¹⁰ Then he loaded ten of Abraham's camels with all kinds of expensive gifts from his master, and he traveled to distant Aram-naharaim. There he went to the town where Abraham's brother Nahor had settled.

¹¹ He made the camels kneel beside a well just outside the town. It was evening, and the women were coming out to draw water.

¹² "O Lord, God of my master, Abraham," he prayed. "Please give me success today, and show unfailing love to my master, Abraham.

¹³ See, I am standing here beside this spring, and the young women of the town are coming out to draw water.

¹⁴ This is my request. I will ask one of them, 'Please give me a drink from your jug.' If she says, 'Yes, have a drink, and I will water your camels, too!'—let her be the one you have selected as Isaac's wife. This is how I will know that you have shown unfailing love to my master."

¹⁵ Before he had finished praying, he saw a young woman named Rebekah coming out with her water jug on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel, who was the son of Abraham's brother Nahor and his wife, Milcah.

¹⁶ Rebekah was very beautiful and old enough to be married, but she was still a virgin. She went down to the spring, filled her jug, and came up again.

3. Share our _____ prayer to show God's _____.

Genesis 24:33 (NLT)

³³ 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."