



SEQUIM COMMUNITY CHURCH  
**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

*Rebekah*

**MOVING BEYOND THE STEREO TYPE**

Rebekah was a “let’s get the ball rolling” type of person. It was her initiative that first caught the attention of Eliezer, the servant of Abraham sent to find a wife for Isaac. It was common courtesy to give a drink to a stranger, but it took added character to also fetch water for ten thirsty camels. This set the stage for Rebekah’s willingness to be Isaac’s bride.

Later, Rebekah’s initiative would be misdirected. She became aware that God’s plan would be channeled through Jacob, not Esau. So not only did Jacob become her favorite, she actually planned ways to ensure that he would overshadow his older twin. Meanwhile, Isaac had a preference for Esau...this created conflict between the couple. She felt justified in deceiving her husband when the time came to bless the sons.

Read Genesis 24:1-66 & Genesis 25:19-34

**Small Group Opener:**

What do you see is the greatest challenge to “initiating/leading” others in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please look up these verses and answer the following questions before September 28th:

1. Read Genesis 24. What characteristics do you admire about Rebekah? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Read Genesis 25:19-34. This passage reveals the “shadow side” of Rebekah’s strong-willed initiative.

Respond to this quote of C.S. Lewis: “If you wanted to find your propensity to sin, just look under your virtue.” \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Rebekah was a servant which opened the door to her marriage. Read John 13:2-5, 13-17  
When it comes to having the attitude and action of a servant, what is the take away for Jesus' example? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How do you want people to remember you? For what do you want to be remembered?  
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5. When it comes to being an "initiating servant" where in life is that easy and where is it "a great challenge?" \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Jonalyn says, "Women who are courageous are comfortable in their own skin." What does a woman who is comfortable in her own skin look like to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What does it look like if a woman is not comfortable in her own skin? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What did you find the most helpful comment the speaker made? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Going Further**  
*(additional study)*

I. Service is an important action that accelerates our spiritual growth.

A. What do these verses say about service?

• Matthew 20:28 \_\_\_\_\_  
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• Philippians 2:7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Mark 9:43 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Ephesians 2:10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2 Timothy 1:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Galatians 1:15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 1 Peter 4:10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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II. Initiating actions of service in our relationships with others is a choice.

A. It is choosing obedience over convenience.

- Most of us get stopped before we serve because of the cost. Service will cost us a portion of our time, talents, treasure and touch.
- What is the response of Jesus' new disciples when He calls them in Matthew 4:18-20?

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- The truth is, we love convenience and the comfort it brings to our lives.

B. We must choose to look for opportunities to serve.

- Look within the different circles of your influence (*How can you serve?*)
- Pray to have eyes to "see and ears to hear" service opportunities in your everyday life.