

## “JUST STAY ON THE CAMEL”

**TEXT:** Genesis 24: 43-67 (Thanks to Rev. Joe Burress for the title)

### THE STORY:

A wonderful description of a father's love for the *Son of Promise*; the fidelity and faithfulness of the beloved servant; a lovely and humble bride sought out of a far country; the long, eventful trip through the desert, and a glorious story-book ending. It is the historical account of a bride for Isaac, but woven into the fabric of the story is the divine epic of GOD, His Precious Son, The Blessed Holy Spirit, and The Bride!

### THE CAMEL:

An animal uniquely suited for desert travel: a stomach large enough to store much food and water for long journeys (It's NOT the “hump” you know); double eyelids independent of each other so that he may close the inner set to keep out the blowing sand, and open the outer to watch his step when his passengers cannot see what is ahead. **BUT**, the camel has a gait which is inconvenient to the flesh!

### 1. THE SEARCH IN THE FAR COUNTRY:

Directed by the Father (He is looking for you!)

### 2. THE WILLING SUBMISSION OF THE BRIDE-TO-BE:

Her choice alone. The offer was her invitation to accept or reject

### 3. THE LONG JOURNEY HOME:

#### A. HER FEARS OF THE JOURNEY:

The path was unknown, with someone she'd just met! (You talk about faith!)

Trouble always lurked in the desert (matter of fact, it was certain!)

**THE REASSURING SERVANT:** *“I've seen the lightning flashing, I've heard the thunder roll!”*  
*“But, I KNOW THE WAY!”* Asked what she could do... **“JUST STAY ON THE CAMEL!”**

#### B. HER CONCERN FOR THE (UN-NAMED!) MAIDENS ACCOMPANYING HER:

**FAITH:** *“Do not fret; I am certain of his care!”*

**HOPE:** *“Surely he will see us safely home!”*

**CHARITY:** *“What wondrous love he must hold for us!”*

**THE REASSURING SERVANT:** (presenting jewelry) *“My father is rich in houses and lands”*  
Asked what she could do... **“JUST STAY ON THE CAMEL!”**

#### C. HER ANXIETY FOR THE SON (alone in the night, weeping)

**THE REASSURING SERVANT:** (tenderly embraces) *“The father's son has a heart of loving kindness and tender mercies... He is altogether lovely, the Rose of Sharon!”*

Asked what she could do... **“JUST STAY ON THE CAMEL!”**

#### D. THE GLORIOUS INTRODUCTION (on crown of last hill), *“That's Him!”*

**THE REASSURING SERVANT** As they approach Isaac), *“May I Introduce...”*

**THE BLESSED BRIDE** (to the servant), *“You've been gentle, and kind, and tender all the way home; far more wonderful than I could ever repay” (but at first glimpse of her bridegroom),*  
*“Thank you, but I can take it from here!”*

*Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory (I Peter 1: 8)*