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FOR THE LOVE OF STRANGERS

Pastor Dave Gudgel – Attitude Check – Genesis 18:1-8

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Open arms and outstretched hands describe the posture of someone who is eager and ready to bless another...Someone who lives courageously by living hospitably.



What is the number one thing
in your life that prevents you from
living life with open arms and
outstretched hands?



What next step do you need to take?





Genesis 18:1-8

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed



Genesis 18:1-8

low to the ground. He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you



Genesis 18:1-8

have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread." Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant,



Genesis 18:1-8

who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.



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Genesis 18:3-5a

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Genesis 18:10a

Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."



Genesis 18:13b-14

"Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."



Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.





Genesis 18:5b

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Genesis 18:6-7

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Did Jesus eagerly...

Take the initiative?

Offer to help?

Over deliver?





- People in my neighborhood that might need help.
- Small business owners or others who are out of work that I could encourage and help financially.
- College students from overseas who have no home to go to for now.
- A mom or dad who needs extra encouragement now that the school their kids attend is closed.





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