

LIFE AS THE SCATTERED:

THE HEART OF HOSPITALITY

Genesis 18:1-8

The Scattered

LIVING AN AVAILABLE LIFE



GENESIS 18:1-5

¹ 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.

² 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 low to the ground.

³ He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”



GENESIS 18:6-8

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ 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.



WHAT DOES ABRAHAM'S STORY
TEACH US ABOUT HOSPITALITY?



HOSPITALITY HONOURS THE STRANGER



GENESIS 18:2-3

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WHAT IF WE CHOSE TO HONOUR THE
STRANGERS WHO CROSS
OUR PATHS BRIEFLY?



AT THE HEART OF HOSPITALITY
IS AN INVITATION TO
SAFETY & REST



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HOW DO I CREATE SPACES FOR
OTHERS TO FIND REST?



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*three seahs is about 16 kilograms



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WHAT STEP OF HOSPITALITY IS
GOD INVITING YOU INTO THIS
WEEK?

