

Focus this week – hospitality, intercessory prayer and avoiding self-reliance.

Define hospitality - the desire to meet a need without the expectation of reward.
Entertaining guests, visitors, or strangers.

Genesis 12:2 *“I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”*

Focus is hospitality.

Genesis 18:1-7 *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.” ⁶ So Abraham **hurried** into the tent to Sarah. “**Quick**,” he said, “get three measures 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.*

Focus is intercessory prayer.

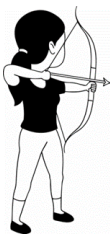
Genesis 18:16-33, Abraham was bold, persistent, and he cared even about the wicked.

Focus- avoid self-reliance.

Genesis 19, the depths of iniquity and the problem with self-reliance.

Romans 5:6 *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*



Even the most gifted and well-trained athlete cannot, and will not, hit their intended mark when headed slightly off track. So periodically check your course.