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In Parshas Chayei Sarah, we know that Avraham sent Eliezer to go look for a wife for Yitzchak. Afterwards, Rivkah runs to her house. Lavan (her brother) comes running out to greet Yitzchak. And Eleizer says, לֹא אֹכַל עַד אִם־דִּבַּרְתִּי דְבָרָי, "I'm not going to eat until I have spoken my words (share with you my experience)." And then Eliezer begins, וַה׳ בֵּרַךְ אֶת־אֲדֹנִי מְאֹד וַיִּגְדָּל וַיִּתֶּן לוֹ צֹאן וּבָקָר וְכֶסֶף וְזָהָב וַעֲבָדִים וְשְׁפָחוֹת וּגְמַלִּים וַחֲמֹרִים, "And Hashem blessed my master exceedingly, and he became great; and He gave him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, servants and maidservants, camels and donkeys."

When Eliezer said, "I will not eat until I have spoken my words," we can perhaps learn an important lesson about human nature. People love to share their experiences. We have a natural desire to tell our stories whether with friends, family, or even complete strangers. Sometimes we'd even wait to eat because we have such a desire to tell over what we've experienced. So many of us are on the phone throughout the day talking to our family and friends. We love to tell others about our day / week.

I believe this idea goes one step further in this week's parsha. When Yaakov arrived in Charan, he met a group of shepherds in the field and began speaking to them. He asked, "My brothers, where are you from?" They answered, "We are from Charan." He then asked them, "Do you know Lavan, the son of Nachor?" And they replied, "We know him."

People like to speak with one another, people like to share their experiences with one another, and people like to play Jewish geography. One of the first questions that we ask somebody when we first meet them is, where are you from? And then we go on and on about do you know that person, do you know this person, etc…

I believe the Torah is telling us how us humans interact with one another. We should all be zoche to keep our eyes open and to see that everything we do in this world is all based in and from the Torah!!