

Need a Recount?

In November, the United States conducted its mid-term elections on a variety of issues, primarily choosing candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. We were all reminded, in one way or another, of the 2000 U.S. presidential election, which was finally decided after weeks of recounts, court battles and controversy about punch-card ballots.

Political pundits and comedians had a heyday. Even after the Florida recount wrangling was over, a billboard along a Michigan highway reminded travelers of those post-election days. It carried this clever message: **Count your blessings. Recount if necessary.**

In Genesis 24:1, we read that “the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.” Remarkable! The brief biography of Abraham’s 175 years reveals blessing after blessing interwoven through all the adversities, testings and even failures of his life.

As we review our years, whether many or few, we can see that same wonderful mixture of blessings, promises and mercy running through our lives, even amidst the trials and lapses of commitment.

If we can’t, maybe a recount is necessary.

--Beecher Hunter