

Israel's Patriarch

A Study in Genesis 12-24

Isaac Gets a Wife
Genesis 24:1-67
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Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.
-Genesis 24:67

I. OBTAIN FROM THERE...BUT DO NOT GO BACK THERE

- Abraham is about to die, nevertheless, he has been blessed in every way (Vs. 1; Gen. 18:17-19).
- Abraham entrusts his son's future to a servant. That servant is likely Eliezer, the man who, barring the births of Ishmael and Isaac, would have inherited Abraham's estate (Gen. 15:1-4).
- Abraham insists on a wife for his son from his own clan, but also insists that his son not be removed from the land of promise (Gen. 24:4-8).

II. STEADFAST LOVE

- Abraham has instructed and served as a role model for his servant well. The servant trusts and relies on the Lord (Gen. 24:12-14; 27; 34-39).
- Abraham's servant seeks steadfast love (Heb. *Hesed*) for both Abraham and Isaac. He also demonstrates it beautifully (Gen. 24:12, 14, 27, 49).
- The servant trusted God to show him the way. His is a prayer of faith, not a prayer of "prove it to me."

III. FINDING OUR WAY

- Knowing God's will is not as hard to determine as has been reported.
 1. Follow and teach the broad gospel truth (Isa. 30:21; John 7:17; Acts 20:27; Col. 4:12; Heb. 10:36; 1 Pet. 4:2; 1 John 2:17).
 2. Follow the specifics (Acts 16:6-7; 10, 18:9-10, 20:22-23; 27:10, 21-31; Rom. 12:2; 1 Thess. 4:3-4, 5:18; 1 Pet. 2:15, 3:17, 4:19).
 3. Follow biblical exhortations (Prov. 3:5-6; John 6:27; 29, 1 Thess. 4:11; 1 Tim. 2:2).
 4. Do what seems wise (Acts 15:25-29).

KNOW: God continues to bless Abraham in all ways. A faithful servant trusts in the God of Abraham, and God delivers. When we commit our way to the Lord, we can be sure that God will be faithful to lead us in the right direction.

DO: Commit your way to the Lord. Then do what is right.

Suggested Reading:

Just Do Something by Kevin DeYoung (LifePoint Library #248.4 DEY)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 24:1-67

1. What is this chapter telling us about the life of Abraham?
2. What is commendable about Abraham's servant?
3. Are there ways in which you would like to apply some of the lessons you learn from him in your own life?
4. What is the difference between testing God with demands that he prove himself trustworthy (see Gen. 28:20-22; Judges 6:36-40; Luke 1:18-20) and a faithful cry to the Lord for assurance (see Gen. 15:8; 24:12-14; Luke 1:34)?
5. What, do you think, is the purpose of this long narrative about the search for Isaac's wife?
6. What are your takeaways from Sunday's passage/message?