

6. We are introduced to Rebekah's brother Laban. In chapters 29-31, Laban's greed becomes his dominant characteristic. Consider how this is foreshadowed in this story (24:29-31).

7. The male leaders of the family agree to the betrothal of Rebekah to Isaac (24:50-51).

a. What persuades them that this is God's will?

b. Should circumstances play a role in our decision making? If so, under what conditions?

**Let's Pray:**

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Pray for wisdom/safety during the Coronavirus Pandemic and nearby terrorist attacks.

Pray that Christians will strive to preserve unity in Christ (Eph 4:1-3) even as we meaningfully debate differing viewpoints that are dividing our country.

Pray for wisdom for church leadership as we research how and when to reopen the building for public gatherings.

Pray for God's peace to guard us from fear or anxiety (Phil. 4:6-7), and that we in turn would be peacemakers (Matt. 5:9).

# Sermon Notes

"A Wife for Isaac"

Genesis 24

May 3, 2020

## Introduction

<u>Series Reading Schedule</u> Apr 26 (break from series) May 3 – Gen 24 May 10 – Gen 25, 27 May 17 – TBA May 24 – TBA
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## A. Promise Made (24:1-9)

## B. Promise Kept (24:10-27)

**Some practical steps in HOW you find a spouse:**

**WHO are you looking for?**

## C. Promise Reported (24:28-58)

## D. Promise Delivered (24:59-67)

## Conclusion

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 05-03-20

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Genesis, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, p. 145-146.

## Getting Started:

1. What do you know about how your grandparents (or parents) met and married? How does that story impact your self-perception or sense of identity in the present?

## Digging Deeper:

Read Genesis 24

2. Abraham insisted that Isaac, the child of promise, not marry a Canaanite (24:3). Why is that? To answer, consider this theme in the Old Testament.
  - a. Gen. 9:20-27
  - b. Deut. 7:1-6
  - c. 1 Kings 11:1-10
3. What guidance do the following NT verses give for whom to marry?
  - a. 2 Corinthians 6:14
  - b. 1 Corinthians 7:39

4. Abraham expresses confidence that God will sovereignly intervene in the circumstances to supply a wife for Isaac (24:7).
  - a. What does he base this certainty upon?
  - b. What is your own personal history with God's faithfulness?
  - c. Which of God's promises for your future are relevant to the decisions and actions you must plan today?
5. One of the recurring themes in this story is the display of loyal covenantal love (24:12, 27).
  - a. How does God display his loyal love to the characters in this story?
  - b. How many different ways does the servant display loyal love for his master Abraham?
  - c. Note that the servant asks Rebekah's family to show lovingkindness and truth to Abraham (24:49). What would it look like for them to do so?
  - d. What does it look like in our lives to display loyal love to God? To others?