

Living by Faith

Lesson 3

Genesis 24:1-67

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Status...in a Relationship

Introduction

Abraham trusted God fully. When asked to leave his homeland and enter into Canaan, he trusted God. When asked to sacrifice Isaac, Abraham trusted that God knew what He was doing. So, when it was time to find Isaac a wife, Abraham knew that he needed to trust God to provide the right woman for his son. Abraham is a good example of how we should trust God in all aspects of our life, including our relationships.

Abraham looked to God to bring the right wife to Isaac. And like Abraham, we need to look to God for guidance in our relationships too. But, more importantly, Abraham put God first. He relied on God, he trusted God, and he had complete confidence that God would fulfill the promises He made.

Memory verse: "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" —2 Corinthians 6:14

Read Genesis 24:1-67. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

What does the passage say?

1. What instructions did Abraham give his servant regarding Isaac? (Genesis 24:3-4)

2. What does Abraham believe God will do? (Genesis 24:7, 40)

3. What does the servant do in response to Abraham's request? (Genesis 24:9, 12-14, 26-27, 48)

4. What did Laban do when he heard what Rebekah said? (Genesis 24:30-31)

5. How does the servant know the Lord gave him success? (Genesis 24:42-46)

6. What was Laban's response to the servant's request? (Genesis 24:50-51)

7. What did Laban request the next morning? What was the servant's response (Genesis 24:55-56)

8. How did the men solve the problem? (Genesis 24:57-58)

9. What did Isaac do when the servant came back? (Genesis 24:67)

What does the passage mean?

1. Abraham trusted God would be faithful to His promise (Genesis 24:7). What does God promise us? (Matthew 6:33; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 1:20-22; Hebrews 4:16)

2. Why can we be confident that God will fulfill His promises to us? (Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 43:2; Philippians 4:19; James 1:5)

3. Abraham served God faithfully—regardless of how farfetched the command God was giving him. What attributes of servanthood does Abraham show? (Deuteronomy 6:5; Psalm 118:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 2 John 6)

4. Abraham and his servant trusted God to provide a spouse for Isaac. How do we know that we can trust God to provide for us? (Matthew 7:9-11; Mark 11:24; Luke 11:9-10; 1 John 5:14)

5. Abraham knew how important it was for Isaac to be married to someone who shared the same faith in God. Why is it important for us to trust God to lead us to the right person or to be content with being single? (Jeremiah 29:11-13; Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 8:28)

Applying the passage

1. Do you struggle with trusting God to provide? What keeps you from trusting God to meet your needs? What keeps you from being content with what you have? Write a prayer giving those areas of struggle to God.

