

Isaac and Rebekah

Genesis 24

Two Ways to View the Story

- Abraham – God
- Isaac – Jesus
- Messenger – Holy Spirit
- Rebekah – The Church

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- Abraham – God
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- Messenger – You
- Rebekah – Others

The Story Sequence

- Abraham's Servant Commits to Being a Messenger
- He Prays For Guidance
- He Steps Out in a Act of Faith
- God Reveals the Answer to Him
- The Messenger is Invited to Share With the Family
- The Messenger Gives His Testimony (Experiences)

The Story Sequence

- The Messenger's Prayer is Answered Through the Family's Trust
- The Messenger Gives Praise to the Lord
- The Family Doubts and Attempts to Hinder
- A Personal Decision is Made and All is Fulfilled

Messenger

John 20:17,21

17) Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

21) Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

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Genesis 24:11

- 11) **And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.**

To Everything a Time and Place

Ecclesiastes 3:1

- 1) **To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:**

Jesus Chose the Right Time

John 2:3-4

- 3) And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
- 4) Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

Jesus Chose the Right Time

John 11:21-23

- 21) Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
- 22) But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.
- 23) Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

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Genesis 24:19-20

- 19) And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.
- 20) And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

Find a “Fertile” Heart

1 Corinthians 3:4-6

- 4) For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?
- 5) Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?
- 6) I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

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Genesis 24:8

8) And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

Know Your Calling

1 Corinthians 7:20

20) Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

Confirm Your Calling

2 Peter 1:10

10) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

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Genesis 24:40

40) And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

Pray to Prepare

Acts 21:5-6

5) And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6) And when we had taken our leave of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.

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Genesis 24:52

52) And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth.

Praise Points to Salvation

Psalms 50:23

23) Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

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