Teacher Training Unit 2 Session 4: A Wife for Isaac March 16, 2025

In Genesis 24-25, we find the next step in God's plan for Abraham: finding a wife for Isaac. The first verse reveals that God blessed Abraham in everything. Abraham had trusted in God, who had taken him from his native land and had sworn to provide for his every need. Now, he trusted God to fulfill the next step in His promises, believing God would guide his servant's steps in the search for Isaac's wife.

How do we see God's continued faithfulness to His promise in the story of Rebekah and Isaac? How can that encourage us today?

Abraham wanted to make sure his son's wife would be from his own land and people, not from the land of Canaan. So, he sent his trusted servant on a mission to find the wife God would provide. Prayerfully, the servant asked God for favor on this journey. But before he had finished asking God to bless him on this mission, God was already answering his prayer.

God had gone before Abraham's servant to provide for Isaac. The servant's immediate response to Rebekah's kindness was worship to the God who "has not withheld his kindness and faithfulness." Rebekah's family knew Abraham's servant had likewise been blessed by God and answered in response to this marriage proposal: "This is from the LORD; we have no choice in the matter." They trusted in God's goodness on their behalf and allowed His plans to unfold, just as He had spoken.

God's promise to bless Abraham hinged upon His provision of a wife for Isaac. Yet, God's provision is not contingent upon human reason or ability. God demonstrated His sovereign kindness to Abraham, his family, and his servant through fulfilling His Word to them. The same is true in God's plan of redemption; He provided the ultimate One we needed—Jesus—to fulfill the covenant He made in Genesis! Jesus was sent to us to be the Servant we needed to fulfill God's mission of restoring our relationship to Him.

Ask God to continue revealing Himself to those learning of Him through today's session. Pray that He would make His ways know to them, that redemption and salvation would take hold of their lives as they grow to understand His great love for them in Jesus.

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