Sermon Series: Abraham - A Journey of Faith

“Here Comes the Bride”

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Proverbs 3:5-6

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Introduction:
A. Many of us are suckers for a good _______ story that is full of __________, which leads to ______________, and then ends with a happily ever after.
B. Today, we will witness the beginning of a new romance—the story of _________ and ____________.
C. As we move through the story today, we will notice that the way we go about finding a _______ is very ___________ from Abraham’s time.
   1. Those who get married in our society remain in ___________.
   2. In biblical times, parental ______________ was the norm.
D. So when it came time for Isaac to marry, it was up to ____________ to find a suitable woman.

I. The Story
A. Genesis 24:1-9
   1. For reasons untold, Abraham didn’t want Isaac to marry anyone from _____________.
   2. Bringing in a woman from far away would help to reduce _________ interference and maintain delicate _________ with the Canaanites.
   3. To find the right woman for Isaac, Abraham called on his most trusted _________ - he is the _________ servant.
   4. The servant spotted a difficulty in Abraham’s proposal—what if the woman is __________ to go with him?
   5. Abraham reassured his servant that his mission contributed to a _________ plan and would receive God’s ______________.
B. Verse 10 says that without delay, the servant took _____ camels and departed taking all sorts of choice ________ from his master.
C. Verse 14 says that Abraham’s servant _______ and asked God for a _____.
D. Drawing and lugging water was hard work - a camel could drink up to ____ gallons of water in five minutes, and a water jar held up to ____ gallons weighing ____ lbs.
E. Rebekah passed all the tests which caused the servant to __________ the Lord.
F. The servant explained everything to Rebekah’s brother and father, and they agreed this was from the ________ and offered Rebekah to go marry Isaac.
G. In the morning, Rebekah’s brother and mother attempted to _____ things down, but it was agreed to all __________ to decide and she decided to ______ with the servant.
H. Rebekah went and became Isaac’s wife and the Bible says he _______ her.

II. The Application
A. Finding a Suitable Mate
   1. Hear and heed the counsel of __________ _________.
   2. Saturate the whole process with __________.
   3. Look for someone with spiritual and godly _____________.
   4. Put God _________ and _________ Him completely.
B. God will continue to __________ and __________ for His spiritual children.