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lesson 07— isaac's love story

I. ABRAHAM Wanted Isaac to Have the Best Wife Possible (**Genesis 24:4**)

- A. Abraham sent his servant to find a wife from his FAMILY LINE
 - *it was still ok for family to intermarry until the Law was given to Moses
 - marrying cousins and step-siblings was normal
- B. Abraham didn't want his son to marry a PAGAN (someone not believing in God)

II. GOD Wanted Isaac to Have the Best Wife Possible

- A. Abraham's servant was WORRIED that he wouldn't find Isaac a wife (**Genesis 24:5**)
- B. Abraham's servant PRAYED that he would find the wife (**Genesis 24:12-14**)
- C. Before he could finish praying, God ANSWERED his prayer (**Genesis 24:15**)
 - *according to verse 21, he was speechless!
- D. God found Isaac a "KEEPER"! (**Genesis 24:16**)
 - *from a Godly family
 - *good looking
 - *sexually pure
 - *a servant's heart
- E. Isaac found JOY in who God had given him (**Genesis 24:67**)

III. Isaac Was PATIENT

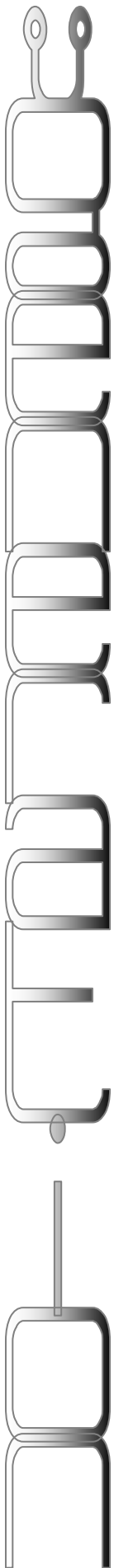
- A. Isaac waited until he was 40 to find the "right one" (**Genesis 25:20**)
- B. Rebekah and Isaac became the parents of TWINS (**Genesis 25:21-24**)

IV. Key Points

- A. Listen to good CHRISTIAN counsel...especially your parents (**Proverbs 15:22; 19:20**)
- B. "God gives the BEST to those who leave the choice with HIM" (**Jeremiah 17:7-8**)
- C. Good things are worth WAITING for (**Isaiah 40:28-31; Psalm 37:3-5**)

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Small groups

Question: Why was it important to Abraham to help his son find a good wife?

- he cared about his son
- he didn't want his son to be with the wrong spouse
- he had seen and heard the results of people walking away from God

*Isaac's father saw the importance in his child finding a godly mate.

Discuss: Isaac had several people in his life that cared about his future spouse. Obviously his father, but also the servant who was praying for her.

Question: Can you think of some people in your life who truly will prayerfully help you in finding the right friendships and relationships?

*Sometimes we ignore those who care about us the most when we make big decisions. We tend to go to those who will tell us what we want to hear.

Question: How is it possible that God answered the servant's prayer before it was prayed?
-God already had a plan...He saw the big picture

Discuss: Because of the guidance of Isaac's father, the prayers of his servant, and the patience of Isaac, he experienced God's best!

Question: What do you think would have been the result if Isaac wouldn't have waited?

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