

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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How she begins . . .

1. Caring (24:17, 25)
2. Serving (24:19)
3. Hardworking (24:20)
4. Believing (24:58)

Who she becomes...

1. Dividing (27:5)
2. Favoring (25:28, 27:6)
3. Deceiving (27:8-10)
4. Unbelieving (27:13)

What we learn. . .

1. Who are we becoming?
2. Where are our relationships going?
3. Is our faith in God and His promises growing?
4. How is God's grace triumphing?

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read Genesis 24, 25:19-28, and 27:1-28:9. Describe Isaac and Rebekah's relationship and the dynamics of the family. How does their relationship begin romantically? How does it end tragically?
2. Why, in 24:1-14 does Abraham send his servant to find a wife? What question does the servant ask in v. 5? What is Abraham's explicit answer? Why? What do you notice about this servant?
3. How does Rebekah begin? Highlight and explain the qualities that she exhibits when she is first met at the well? Are there others besides the ones listed in the outline that you notice?
4. In 25:19-28, what is the issue/problem? Does the couple pray together? Why does God allow barrenness again?
5. Who does Rebekah become by chapter 27? What is she doing in v. 5? What is she doing in v. 8? What is she doing in v. 42? What is she doing in v. 46?
6. What evidence is there in chapter 27 that Rebekah is unbelieving of the promises of God? What evidence is there that she is still believing?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What is your emotional and gut reaction to Rebekah's story? How does it make you think about and evaluate your own life?
2. How do we become? What shapes who we become? What part in that do we play? How do we avoid the poor ending of Rebekah?
3. How do relationships that begin well go south and devolve? Why do some marriages grow and some deteriorate? How do we protect our families from the jacked up dynamics we see in Rebekah's family?
4. How does our faith in God's promises grow instead of stagnate? In what ways do we, like Rebekah, take matters into our own hands instead of trusting the Lord?
5. In what ways does Rebekah experience the negative consequences for her deception? In what ways, does God's grace triumph even through Rebekah's deception? How have you experienced the triumph of God's grace through your own failings?