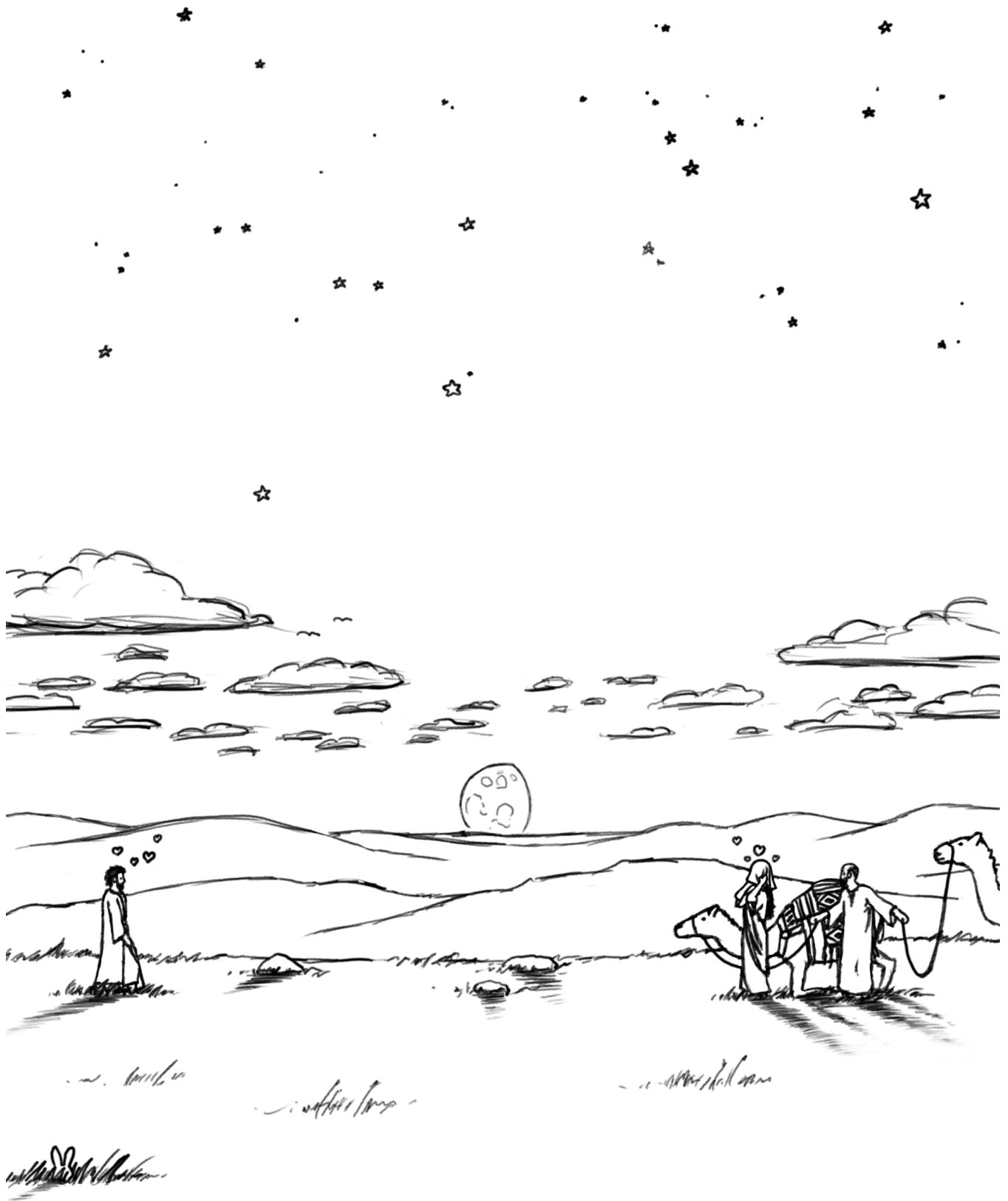




Lesson 16

Philippians 4:6

Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to Him.

Abraham's Servant Finds a Wife for Isaac: Part 2

Genesis 24:28–67

²⁸The young woman ran home. She told her mother's family what had happened. ²⁹Rebekah had a brother named Laban. He hurried out to the spring to meet the man. ³⁰Laban had seen the nose ring. He had seen the bracelets on his sister's arms. And he had heard Rebekah tell what the man had said to her. So Laban went out to the man. He found him standing by the camels near the spring. ³¹"The Lord has given you His blessing," he said. "So come with me. Why are you standing out here? I've prepared my house for you. I also have a place for the camels."

³²So the man went to the house. The camels were unloaded. Straw and feed were brought for the camels. And water was brought for him and his men to wash their feet. ³³Then food was placed in front of him. But he said, "I won't eat until I've told you what I have to say."

"Then tell us," Laban said.

³⁴So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵The Lord has blessed my master greatly, and he has become rich. The Lord has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold. He has also given him male and female servants, camels and donkeys. ³⁶My master's wife Sarah had a son by him when she was old. He has given that son everything he owns. ³⁷My master made me promise him. He said, 'I'm living in the land of the people of Canaan. But promise me that you won't get a wife for my son from their daughters. ³⁸Instead, go to my father's family and to my own relatives. Get a wife for my son there.'

³⁹"Then I asked my master, 'What if the woman won't come back with me?'

⁴⁰"He replied, 'I have walked faithfully with the Lord. He will send His angel with you. He will give you success on your journey. So you will be able to get a wife for my son. She will be from my own relatives and from my father's family. ⁴¹When you go to my relatives, suppose they refuse to give her to you. Then you will be free from the promise you made to me.'

⁴²"Today I came to the spring. I said, 'Lord, You are the God of my master Abraham. Please make me successful on this journey I've made. ⁴³I'm standing beside this spring. A young woman will come out to get water. I'll say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar.' ⁴⁴Suppose she says, 'Have a drink of water, and I'll get some for your camels too.' Then let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son.'

⁴⁵"Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out. She was carrying a jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and got water. I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'

⁴⁶"She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder. She said, 'Have a drink, and I'll get water for your camels too.' So I drank. She also got water for the camels.

⁴⁷"I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?'

"She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel. He's the son Milkah had by Nahor.'

"Then I put the ring in her nose. I put the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸And I bowed down and worshipped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham. He had led me on the right road. He had led me to get for my master's son the granddaughter of my master's brother. ⁴⁹Now will you be kind and faithful to my master? If you will, tell me. And if you won't, tell me. Then I'll know which way to turn."

⁵⁰Laban and Bethuel answered, "The Lord has done all of this. We can't say anything to you one way or the other. ⁵¹Here is Rebekah. Take her and go. Let her become the wife of your master's son, just as the Lord has said."

⁵²Abraham's servant heard what they said. So he bowed down to the Lord with his face to the ground. ⁵³He brought out gold and silver jewellery and articles of clothing. He gave all of them to Rebekah. He also gave expensive gifts to her brother and her mother. ⁵⁴Then Abraham's servant and the men who were with him ate and drank. They spent the night there.

When they got up the next morning, Abraham's servant said, "Send me back to my master."

⁵⁵But her brother and her mother replied, "Let the young woman stay with us ten days or so. Then you can go."

⁵⁶But he said to them, "Don't make me wait. The Lord has given me success on my journey. Send me on my way so I can go to my master."

⁵⁷Then they said, "Let's get Rebekah and ask her about it." ⁵⁸So they sent for her and asked, "Will you go with this man?"

"Yes, I'll go," she said.

⁵⁹So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way with Abraham's servant and his men. They also sent Rebekah's servant with her. ⁶⁰And they gave Rebekah their blessing. They said to her,

"Dear sister, may your family grow

by thousands and thousands.

May they take over

the cities of their enemies."

⁶¹Then Rebekah and her female servants got ready. They got on their camels to go back with the man. So Abraham's servant took Rebekah and left.

⁶²By that time Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi. He was living in the Negev Desert. ⁶³One evening he went out to the field. He wanted to spend some time thinking. When he looked up, he saw camels approaching. ⁶⁴Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel. ⁶⁵She asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?"

"He's my master," the servant answered. So she covered her face with her veil.

⁶⁶Then the servant told Isaac everything he had done. ⁶⁷Isaac brought Rebekah into the tent that had belonged to his mother Sarah. And he married Rebekah. She became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother died.



Questions

- 1 What did Rebekah do while the servant was worshipping the Lord? Rebekah _____ home and _____ her mother's family what had happened. (Gen. 24:28)
- 2 What was Rebekah's brother's name? His name was _____. (Gen. 24:29)
- 3 Who hurried out to meet the servant at the spring? _____ hurried out to the spring to meet the servant. (Gen. 24:29)



The whole family liked to move quickly.

- 4 Was Laban happy to meet the servant of a rich relative? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 24:31)
- 5 What did the servant say when food was placed in front of him to eat? The servant said he wouldn't _____ until he had _____ them what he had to _____. (Gen. 24:33)
- 6 Was Laban eager to listen to the servant as he told his story? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 24:33)
- 7 What were Laban's and Bethuel's (Rebekah's father's) feelings about what the servant had to say? They couldn't say _____ one way or the other. (Gen. 24:50)
- 8 How did Laban and Bethuel respond? They told the servant to _____ Rebekah and _____, because the _____ had **S** _____ so. (Gen. 24:51)
- 9 What was the servant's response when Laban and Bethuel agreed to let Rebekah go? The servant _____ down to the Lord with his _____ to the ground. (Gen. 24:52)

- 10 What did the servant give to Rebekah, her brother, and her mother? The servant gave gold and silver jewellery and articles of clothing to Rebekah, and _____ gifts to her brother and her mother. (Gen. 24:53)
- 11 When the servant wanted to leave the next morning with Rebekah, what was the response from her brother and mother then? They wanted Rebekah to stay with them _____ days or so before they would let Rebekah go. (Gen. 24:55)
- 12 Did the servant agree to this? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 24:56)
- 13 What did Rebekah's brother and mother do then? They decided to _____ Rebekah to hear what her feelings were about this. (Gen. 24:57)
- 14 What did Rebekah say when asked if she would go with the servant right then? She said, "**Y**_____." (Gen. 24:58)
- 15 Who went with Rebekah? Rebekah's _____ went with her. (Gen. 24:59)
- 16 Did Rebekah's family give Rebekah their blessing? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 24:60)
- 17 Where was Isaac when he saw the camels approaching? Isaac, living in the Negev Desert, was out in the _____. (Gen. 24:62–63)
- 18 What time of day was it? It was _____. (Gen. 24:63)
- 19 Why was Isaac out in the field at night? Isaac wanted to spend some time _____. (Gen. 24:63)
- 20 What do you think Isaac was thinking about? Isaac was most likely thinking about what his **W**_____ (opposite of "husband") would be like.
- 21 Who looked up at the same time Isaac looked up? _____ looked up at the same time and **S**_____ Isaac. (Gen. 24:64)
- 22 What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac? She _____ the servant who that man was. (Gen. 24:65)
- 23 When Rebekah heard it was Isaac, what did she do? Rebekah _____ her face with her veil. (Gen. 24:65)



This does not mean women in the Bible covered their faces in the presence of men. After all, Rebekah didn't have a veil on in front of Abraham's servant or his men. She also didn't have a veil on when she went to the spring to get water.



The tradition where a woman on her wedding day covers her face when she walks down the aisle to greet her husband, then lifts her veil after they are married, comes from this story in the Bible.

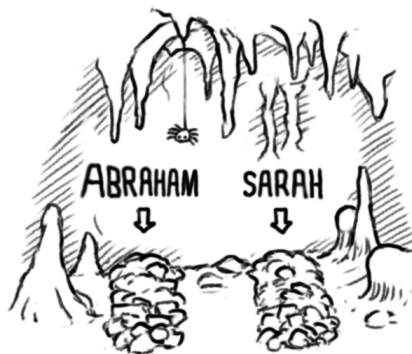
- 24 Where did Isaac bring Rebekah? Isaac brought Rebekah to the _____ that had belonged to his mother, _____. (Gen. 24:67)
- 25 Did Isaac marry Rebekah? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 24:67)
- 26 Did Isaac love Rebekah? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 24:67)
- 27 What did Rebekah bring to Isaac after his mother Sarah died? Rebekah brought Isaac **C** _____. (In other words, Isaac was very sad when his mother died, but Rebekah took some of that sadness away.) (Gen. 24:67)

Abraham Dies

Genesis 25:1–2, 7–10

¹Abraham had married another woman. Her name was Keturah. ²She had Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah by Abraham.

⁷Abraham lived a total of 175 years. ⁸He took his last breath and died when he was very old. He had lived a very long time. Then he joined the members of his family who had already died. ⁹Abraham's sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him. They put his body in the cave of Machpelah near Mamre. It was in the field of Ephron, the son of Zohar the Hittite. ¹⁰Abraham had bought the field from the Hittites. He was buried there with his wife Sarah.



Questions

- 28 Did Abraham marry again and have more children after Sarah died (even though Abraham had laughed at the idea of having a son with Sarah when he would be 100 years old)? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 25:1)

- 29 Whom did Abraham marry? Abraham married _____. (Gen. 25:1)
- 30 Did Keturah have children by Abraham? (Yes/No) _____. She had _____ sons. (Gen. 25:2)
- 31 How old did Abraham live to be? Abraham lived to be _____ years old. (Gen. 25:7)
- 32 How many years did Abraham live after Sarah died? Abraham lived another _____ years after Sarah died. (Hint: in Genesis 17:17, Abraham says to himself, “Can a 100-year-old man have a son? Can Sarah have a child at the age of 90?” Therefore, Abraham was ten years older than Sarah. Also, recall from the previous lesson that Sarah lived to be 127 years old.) (Gen. 25:7)
- 33 Who buried Abraham? Abraham’s sons _____ and _____ buried him. (Gen. 25:9)



This means Abraham and Isaac reunited with Ishmael later in life.

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God’s Word?
