

Jesus-Likeness in the First Book
Genesis 24
Week of May 15, 2016
Message Notes



1. Abraham: Disciple-Making

2. Servant: Talking with his Heavenly Father like you Talk with a Good Earthly Father

3. Rebekah: Generous Heart and Hands

4. Isaac: Saturating Himself with God

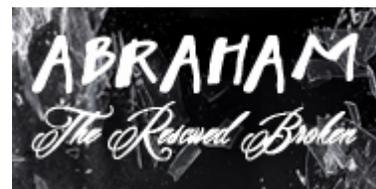
Good News:

I can't grow Jesus-Likeness in me!

But Jesus living in me can!

(Galatians 2.20, John 15.5-7, Philippians 4.11-13, Colossians 1.28-29)

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1. Tell your story of how you met your spouse—or how your parents or friends met. How would you have felt if your parents arranged your marriage, as Abraham did for Isaac?

2. Every command of God in the bible (make disciples, pray without ceasing, be generous, meditates, etc.) points us to our own inadequacy: "I don't/can't do this!" and causes us to look to Jesus living inside us. He forgives us, He does obey every command perfectly, and He gives me new desire and new power to obey God's commands.

Here are a couple commands to work through, 2 Peter 3.9 and Hebrews 13.5. Feel free to consider other commands as well. Work through these four questions for each of these commands from God:

a. What is God's command here?

b. Why can't I do it? (Be honest, be specific.)

c. How did Jesus do it perfectly? (Discover an example(s) from the Gospels.)

d. How does Jesus living in me by His Holy Spirit give me a new desire and new power to obey (think again of specific situations)?

3. Look at Philippians 4.10-13. Process through this passage with the questions in #2 above. Talk about how Paul's (and our) inability to be content is transformed by Jesus living in him and us.

4. Now, with the thoughts from above in your mind, think about the Jesus-likeness we saw in four of the characters in Genesis 24. In which of these areas do you feel like Jesus has been growing you? Choose one of these areas you desire to grow in more. Understanding you can't grow in Christ-likeness on your own, how will Jesus living in you empower you to grow this week?