

Genesis 24

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?
2 Corinthians 6:14

Readings this week:

S	Genesis 24: 1 - 7
M	Genesis 24: 28 - 49
T	Genesis 24: 50 - 67
W	Genesis 25: 1 - 11
Th	Matthew 10: 40 - 42
F	2 Corinthians 6: 14 - 18
S	Ephesians 5: 21 - 33

Abraham's instructions

Look at Genesis 24: 1 - 9 and then discuss your answers to these questions:

What sort of person did Abraham want his son to marry?

Was it just Abraham's choice (see v. 14)



Whom did Abraham not want his son to marry?

Why? (Does Deuteronomy 7:1 - 4 help?)

Does it matter to God whom you marry?

Why?

What sort of qualities do you think God would like to see in the wife or husband of one of his children?

Do you think the same principles apply to friends?

In what ways do your answers to these questions affect the way you live your life?



Rebekah's response

Now read Genesis 24:10-27.
What sort of impression did Rebekah have of the servant?

What did the man ask for?

What did Rebekah give?

What difference did this act make to her life?

Do you think that small acts of kindness make any difference to your life?

How do you feel if someone does a small act of kindness for you? (See Matthew 10: 42)

Can you think of an act of kindness you can do for others in the next week?

Digging Deeper - Abraham and the Land

Remember the promise God made to Abram about the land of Israel? He said he would give him the land for ever.

Read Genesis 23:1-4. Did the land belong to Abraham at this time?

Genesis 25:7-10. Where was Abraham buried?

Hebrews 11:13-16 What does this say about people like Abraham?

Genesis 25:19-26. Fill in, Rebekah, Laban, Esau and Jacob on Abraham's family tree.

Pray that God will choose the people you spend your life with.