

Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis Chapter 24:29-67 **Title:** A Bride for A King (Part 2)

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Discussion Starter – What has this prophetic love story "A Bride for A King" shown you, and revealed to you, about God's pursuing love for us?

- What do you think is the purpose of God calling the Church, the Bride of Christ? Read Isaiah 62:5 and 61:10. What insights are gained from reading these passages?
- How do you think the servant in this story, being a picture of the Holy Spirit, demonstrates not drawing attention to himself?
- What do you think enabled the servant to exemplify the Holy Spirit's mission in this story?
- How can we look at this story as a model of how we are to walk in the mission God has given us
 to reach those who don't know Jesus?

Read Genesis 24:29-51

- What important things do we learn here about Laban?
- Why was the servant unwilling to eat with the family until he first spoke of his mission?
- What is the significance of the servant (Holy Spirit) being released from his oath?
- The solitary goal of the Holy Spirit is to lead us to Jesus. The servant demonstrates this principle in verse 49. Read John 16:7-11. Explain and describe how the Holy Spirit now works to bring unbelievers to Christ.
- What does it mean to be Spirit led? What doesn't it mean? Read 1 Corinthians 2:12-16.
- As believers, how does the Holy Spirit help us walk in the Spirit? Read John 14:23-26; 15:26-27; 16:12-15. Discuss each of the aspects with the group.
- What are some examples from Christ's life here on earth that let us know how to walk in the Spirit? Read Philippians 2:3-7 and Romans 8:5-6. What do we learn about walking in the Spirit from these passages?
- What are the ways we can test for counterfeit Holy Spirits?
- In what places might we find counterfeit Holy Spirits? Explain why.

Read Genesis 24:52-67

- What do the gifts given to Rebekah by the servant represent to us today in the Church, and when are they presented? Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. Discuss the insights gained from this passage.
- What do the pleadings of Rebekah's brother and mother represent in this story? How does the servant respond to this pleading? Read Luke 9:57-62.
- What spiritual truth about the Holy Spirit is signified by Rebekah's response in verse 58?
- What are some of the dangers of not responding to the Holy Spirit's calling of unbelievers to Jesus found in 2 Corinthians 6:1-2?
- Describe what happens to a believer when they do not respond to the Holy Spirit's calling to Jesus. How does this happen? What does it mean to quench the Spirit?
- What typology is represented by the 520 mile journey Rebekah takes back to meet Isaac?