Abraham Sought a Bride for Isaac: Guiding Faith — Seeking the Right Person to Marry Genesis 24:49–67

- 1. The servant asked for a clear decision for marriage
 - a. The request: for Rebekah
 - b. The request granted

- 2. The servant confirmed and sealed the decision for marriage
 - a. By worshipping God
 - b. By sharing gifts

- c. By rejoicing with others
- d. By comforting the family through their sense of loss
 - 1) The family wanted Rebekah's departure delayed for a few days

- 49 Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.
- 50 Laban and Bethuel answered, "This is from the LORD; we can say nothing to you one way or the other.
- 51 Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has directed."
- 52 When Abraham's servant heard what they said, he bowed down to the ground before the LORD.
- 53 Then the servant brought out gold and silver jewellery and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother.
- 54 Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night there.

 When they got up the next morning, he said, "Send me on my way to my master."
- 55 But her brother and her mother replied, "Let the young woman remain with us ten days or so; then you may go.

- 2) The servant sensed the need to leave immediately
- 56 But he said to them,
 "Do not detain me,
 now that the LORD has granted success to my journey.
 Send me on my way
 so that I may go to my master."
- 3) The family reconfirmed the decision
- 57 Then they said,
 "Let's call the young woman
 and ask her about it."

- 4) The family sent Rebekah away along with her nurse
- 58 So they called Rebekah, and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said.
- 5) The family blessed Rebekah
- 59 So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men.

- 6) The servant and Rebekah and the others left to go to Isaac
- 60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.

3. The consummation of the marriage

- 61 Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man.

 So the servant took Rebekah and left.
- a. By following through with one's decision
- 62 Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev.
- b. Isaac had gone out one evening into a field to meditate:He saw the camels coming
- 63 He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching.
- c. Rebekah saw Isaac and got down from her camel
- 64 Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. He got down from her camel

- d. Rebekah asked the servant who the man was
- e. Rebekah acted with respect: Veiled her face
- f. The servant shared his search for Rebekah
- g. Isaac loved and married Rebekah; Rebekah comforted Isaac after his mother's death
- 65 and asked the servant,

 "Who is that man in the field
 coming to meet us?"

 "He is my master," the servant answered.
 So she took her veil and covered herself.
- 66 Then the servant told Isaac all he had done.
- 67 Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah.

 So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.