

## Genesis 24-26 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Gen 24:28-49 how did Laban treat the servant (v28-29, 30-32) and how did he respond (v33)? What elements of his story confirmed God's guidance (v34-49)?

5. In 24:50-60 how did Laban respond (v50-51) and what did the servant do (v52, 53, 54)? What did Laban do next (v55) and how did the servant answer (v56)? How did Rebekah respond (v57-59)? Describe her blessing (60).

6. Read 24:61-67. Where was Isaac when Rebekah neared (v61-63)? What did Rebekah and the servant do (v64-66) and to what did this lead (v67)?

7. Looking at 25:1-18 describe the end of Abraham's life (v1-4, 7-10) and how he blessed his descendants (v5-6). Contrast Isaac (v11) and Ishmael (v12-17, 18).

8. Using 25:19-26 what two problems did Isaac and Rebekah encounter (v19-21, 22) and how did they deal with it (v21, 22)? How did God answer (v21, 23)? Describe her twins (v24-26).

9. From 25:27-34 how else did Esau and Jacob differ (v27, 28)? How did Jacob trick Esau (v29-34) and why was he able to (v32, 34)? Why is this significant?

10. According to 26:1-11 how did Isaac react to the famine (v1) and what did God instruct (v2, 3-5)? How did Isaac follow in his father's footsteps (v6-11)? Apply.

11. In 26:12-25 how did God bless Isaac (v12-14), but what problem did he have (v15-17, 18-21)? How did he overcome this (v22) and what was ultimate outcome (v23-25)?

12. Based on 26:26-35 why did Abimelech come to Isaac (v28-29) and how did Isaac respond (v30-31)? What else good (v33) and bad (v34-35) occurred?

### Scripture to Remember

*“And I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.”*

**Genesis 26:4 (NASV)**

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### One Month to Live Group Questions—Love Completely

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Share which friend or family member, excluding spouse, you are closest with and describe one of your favorite ways to spend time with them. Then, watch the DVD.
2. Talk about some of your biggest obstacles to building and maintaining quality relationships. How does accepting God's love more fully enable you to change this?
3. What are some of the reasons it is difficult for us to forgive some people? What about God? What are some practical steps to doing this (refer to Matt 6:9-15)?
4. Which mountain—"me", "mistakes", or "misunderstanding"- typically hurts you in relationships? How can you apply humility, forgiveness or acceptance to scale these?
5. In what ways from Day 12 have you experienced people fighting unfairly—and how are *you* most often tempted to fight unfairly? How can we overcome this?
6. Talk about some "sandpaper" people that rub you the most. How can you apply the Day 15 principles of an open heart, listening, and truth to grow with them?
7. How often do you feel gratitude on a daily basis? What are some specific ways that you can cultivate this pattern in your life?



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## A Link in the Chain

### Introduction to Genesis 24-26

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. In the case of Isaac, Abraham's son, this is true. Less space in the Bible is devoted to Isaac's story than to Abraham's or to Jacob's (Isaac's son), but if he had not been a man of faith the nation of Israel would have never existed. Isaac's adult story began with the search for a brand new bride. As death grew near for Abraham he made his servant swear to not allow Isaac to marry a Canaanite, but to get a wife for his son from his kinfolks back home. The servant swore, and then set out on his journey with an abundance of gifts. As he arrived in Nahor he stopped to water his camels and prayed for God's success for Abraham's sake. God answered by sending Rebekah to the well, a beautiful woman with a ser-

vant's heart. When the servant discovered that she was of Abraham's extended family he knew she was the one and he bowed low in worship to God. After relaying his story to Laban, Rebekah's brother, he requested that they leave immediately. When she was asked Rebekah concurred, so they set out for Canaan immediately. After she and Isaac met they got married, which also comforted Isaac over the death of his mother. Next, a brand new family started. Abraham remarried and had several sons, but in his death he gave Isaac his blessing while only giving gifts to the sons of his concubines. He had lived a good life and the blessing of God was passed on to Isaac. In contrast Ishmael lived to the east in defiance of his brother and his



**God provided a foundation of faith for Israel through their first three leaders.**

relatives. This new family of Isaac and Rebekah began in barrenness, but when they both prayed to God He answered, and twins were born, although they fought in the womb. Later, Jacob deceived Esau into giving up his birthright because Esau was not a spiritual man. Finally, the same old issues arose. Isaac tried to pass his wife off as his sister, but God protected her. Then, the same issue over the wells came up and finally Abimelech had to make a covenant with Isaac. In all of this Isaac survived and was a stable link in the chain.

#### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Daily Study Questions for Genesis 24-26

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.celebrationnet.com](http://www.celebrationnet.com), small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Genesis 24:1-9. What did Abraham make his servant swear (v2-4, 9) and why (v1)? What did the servant ask (v5) and how did Abraham answer (v6-8)?</p>	
<p>2. Looking at 24:10-20 what steps did the servant take (v10-11, 12-14) and why did he pray this way? Describe God's answer (v15) and Rebekah (v15, 16, 17-20). Apply.</p>	
<p>3. Using 24:21-27 how did the servant try to confirm God's answer (v21-23) and how was it confirmed (v24-25)? What was the servant's response (v26-27)?</p>	

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