



Rescued - Genesis 24-25:11

Week One: God's Specific Will

1. You need to _____ God's will
2. You need to _____ God's will
3. You need to _____ God's will
4. You need to _____ until God's will is done
5. You need to _____ of God's will
6. You need to _____ God's will

Most of you know how much I enjoy a great love story, and if you're like me, you won't be disappointed this week!

We're about to meet one of the best matchmakers in the whole Bible. If you're single, pay attention and take notes! Either way, I believe God has lots in store for us this week.



Day One: The Task

Dating is hard no matter the era you're living in! In Genesis 24, we're about to see how Abraham finds a wife for his son Isaac. Turns out having a matchmaker helps a lot more than you think!

Read Genesis 24:1-9.

Exploring the Text

1. Describe how Abraham is doing as we pick up today's study in Genesis 24.
2. What does Abraham ask his servant to do for him?

3. What criteria does Abraham give his servant to accomplish the task?

did you know

4. Which servant does Abraham pick to take on this very important task?

How do you go about discovering God's will in a specific situation? Although the Bible gives no formulas or blueprints, it does illustrate certain principles we can apply.

5. In considering the non-negotiables in finding Isaac a wife, what reason does Abraham give for his instructions?

6. How serious was this matter of finding a wife for Isaac and how can you tell?

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7. What would you say are some non-negotiables in finding a spouse for a believer?

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8. How involved should parents be in picking their kids' spouse today? Why?



Day Two: Finding the Dot

People have sometimes described God's specific will as the dot. In today's passage, we go with Abraham's servant as he's looking for "the dot". We can learn much about finding God's will from our passage today.

Read Genesis 24:10-21.

Exploring the Text

1. How do you think the servant knew where to start his journey?
2. Where did the servant specifically go in Nahor, and why?
3. When the servant arrived at his destination, he prayed for guidance. What did he ask God specifically?

4. Enter Rebekah in vs. 15. Do you think it's a coincidence that she shows up as the servant utters his "amen"? What does that tell you about God working through circumstances?

5. Describe Rebekah.

verse

Genesis 24:21

The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the Lord had prospered his journey or not.

6. What was the servant's reaction as he saw Rebekah do exactly what he had prayed for?

Personal Application

- 7.** How important is prayer in knowing God's will? Rate your prayer life as it pertains to you figuring out God's specific will for your life (1-10).

- 8.** How important are circumstances in figuring out God's will? Can circumstances be used alone to know God's will?

Application for
your life?
Record your
thoughts here.

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Day Three: Confirmation

Don't you love it when God answers prayers and life becomes crystal clear? The story's not over yet! If you're single, are you taking notes on how to find Mr.Right?

Today's reading is from Genesis 24:22-49

Exploring the Text

1. What did the servant ask Rebekah as he began to talk with her?
2. Is verse 24 a coincidence? What do you make of coincidences as you read the details of our story?
3. Write down verse 26.

4. What does the servant praise God for?

5. What do you glean about Laban from verses 29-33?

prayer

Look back on your life to the various ways God has guided you. Take time to thank God for what comes to mind.

6. How does the servant's account in vs.34-49 reveal his excitement and awe at the Lord's guidance?

7. In vs.49 the servant seems to leave the decision in Laban's hands, but do you really believed he doubted that God had already provided the answer?

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Personal Application

8. In Genesis 24, the servant didn't ask for a miraculous event or angelic vision but for simple guidance in every day life. When has God guided you this way?

9. Why don't you take a moment to stop and worship the Lord for answering your prayer requests this week?



Day Four: I Do

Well the servant has laid it all on the line and spoken his piece. Now it's up to Laban and Rebekah to speak. Are you anxious to find out what happens in the rest of our love story? I can't believe the amount of detail God gives us in this chapter about a love story. We serve a God who cares about our every detail of our lives.

Read Genesis 24:50-61.

Exploring the Text

1. How does Laban respond to the servant in vs. 50?
2. How much wedding prep time does the servant want to give Rebekah? Why?
3. Who does the family say will make the final decision on going with the servant?

4. How does Rebekah respond? Write down her 3 words.

5. What are some reasons Rebekah immediately agreed to go with the servant?

quote

Without God,
there is not
success.
There's no
success in
marriage
without the
blessing of God.

6. In what way is the blessing that Rebekah's family gave her similar to the blessing that God had promised Abraham and his family?

Personal Application

7. Read Isaiah 40:27. Have you ever felt that way? When?
8. The servant felt great urgency in completing the task that his master had given him. Do you feel that same urgency when it comes to doing what God wants you to do?
9. What can you learn about surrender from Rebekah's willingness to leave the comfort of home to marry a man she'd never even met before?

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Day Five: At Last

We have spent this entire week and this entire chapter looking at every part of a marriage plan except the actual meeting of the bride and groom. It may seem crazy to our western culture. I love seeing how much prayer and preparation and hope went into the bringing together of these 2 people - Rebekah and Isaac.

Let's finish up this week's homework by reading Genesis 24:62-25:11.

Exploring the Text

1. Where was Isaac when we hear about him in vs.62? (hint: see Genesis 16:13-14 to recall what Beer-lahai-roi symbolized)
2. What kind of man does Isaac seem to be?
3. What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac?
4. How did Isaac respond to Rebekah?

5. Do you find it unusual that the Bible says “he loved her” even though this was an arranged marriage?

verse

6. Now back to Abraham in Genesis 25:1-11. Summarize what Abraham has been up to.

1 Thessalonians
4:3

For this is
the will of God,
your
sanctification.

7. How old was Abraham when he died?

8. Who came to bury Abraham and where was Abraham buried?

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Personal Application

9. What do you think God's will for your life is?
How can you tell?
10. Is there a current situation in your life where you are seeking God's will? How did this week's lesson help you get a step closer to knowing God's will?