


TRACING THE PROMISE

GENESIS 24:1-67; 25:19-28

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Trust God with your **ORDINARY** actions, (24:1-14)

planning in pencil 24:8 Proverbs 16:9; James 4:13-15

 **ask for God's guidance** 12:12-14 Psalm 37:5; Proverbs 3:5-6; Colossians 3:17

and by his **FAITHFULNESS** (24:15-67)

God answers prayer 24:15-21 1 John 5:14-15; Matthew 7:7-8

God orchestrates events 24:50-67 Romans 8:28; Proverbs 19:21

 he'll work his **EXTRAORDINARY** plans. (25:19-28)

God overcomes obstacles 25:21ff Luke 1:37

God overcomes dysfunction 25:22-28 Genesis 50:20; Matthew 1:3, 5, 6, 16



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Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer:

What do you know about your family history? Any famous ancestors? Relatives? What's the background of your family ethnically?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

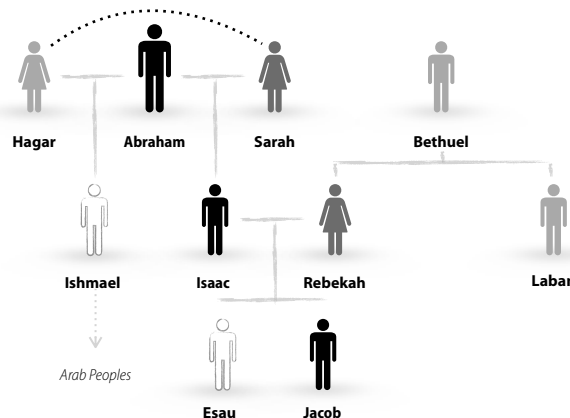
Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. Is there anything about your family of origin that makes you question if God could or would really want to work in and through your life? If you feel comfortable, share a bit with your group.
2. In **Genesis 24**, Sarah has died, and now Abraham is nearing the end of his life. Remembering God's promise to him, Abraham begins focusing on finding a wife for his son, Isaac. **Read Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6; 17:1-8, 15-21** to be reminded of God's promise to Abraham, then **read Genesis 24:1-9**.

- *Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Discuss it with your group before moving on.*

3. Read Genesis 24:10-28.






- What are your thoughts on how God answered Abraham's servant's prayer?
- Do you pray about things "in the moment" like that? Have you ever seen God clearly answer those prayers?
- What's keeping you from talking to God regularly in the moment-to-moment situations of life?



WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

This is who we hope you grow to become at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...

-  1 | **Receiving From God.** Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?
-  2 | **Responding To God.** How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?
-  3 | **Receiving From Others.** Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?
-  4 | **Moving Toward Others.** How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)
-  5 | **Going to those Far from God.** How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Genesis 25:24-28 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

²⁴ When her **days** to give birth were **completed**, behold, there were **twins** in her **womb**. ²⁵ The **first** came out red, all his **body like a hairy cloak**, so they **called his name Esau**.

²⁶ **Afterward** his **brother** came out with his **hand holding Esau's heel**, so his **name** was **called Jacob**. **Isaac** was **sixty years old** when she **bore** them. ²⁷ **When** the **boys** grew up, **Esau** was a **skillful hunter**, a man of the field, while **Jacob** was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.

²⁸ **Isaac** loved **Esau** because he ate of his game, but **Rebekah** loved **Jacob**.

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4. Read Genesis 24:29-67.

- Take some time to think through this whole account. What was it like for Abraham's servant? Rebekah? Rebekah's family? For Isaac???
- In his faithfulness, God orchestrates a lot of events here. As you look back at your own life, how has God either orchestrated or used certain events in your life (or your ancestor's lives) to show his faithful love to you?

5. Read Genesis 25:19-28.

- God again overcomes some humanly impossible situations (overcoming Rebekah's barrenness) to give Isaac and Rebekah a child. And he's generous to give them two! — Have you ever seen God overcome a seemingly impossible obstacle in your life?

Taking It Home

6. **Genesis 25:22-28** is a prelude to all kinds of family dysfunction yet to come in Jacob's life. Maybe you can relate... The reality is every person and every family has degrees of dysfunction at work in their lives. It's part of the sin-broken world we live in.

With that in mind, as we set off on this study of Jacob's life, is there a specific struggle or family situation you'd like your group to be praying about with you? — If you're comfortable, here's your invitation to share it with your group.

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. A few guidelines:

- Keep your sharing brief so that any who want to share have time.
- As you are listening to others, listen. Be empathetic and slow to speak. You're not there to fix it, you're listening so you can pray that God will work!
- Consider splitting into smaller groups of 3 or 4 to pray. (You might even split into smaller groups for the sharing time.) Then be sure each person is prayed for by two others in the group.



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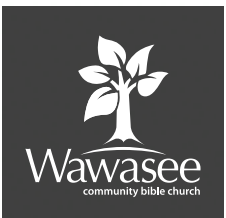
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