

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



God's GPS

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Big Idea: Where God says "go," He will guide.

Outline:

1. God Guides Within His Revealed Will (24:3-8)

Scripture: Matthew 6:33, 1 Thess. 4:3

Question: What revealed priorities, promises, and principles from God's Word direct my way in this situation?

2. God Guides When We Pray (24:12-15)

Scripture: James 1:5-6, Acts 13:2-3, 2 Chronicles 20:12, 17, 22-23

Question: Have I prayed to the Lord for His wisdom and His action in this situation?

3. God Guides with His Sovereign Hand Over the Details (24:26-27, 50-51)

Scripture: Colossians 4:2-3, Genesis 50:20

Question: How is God providentially arranging circumstances and opening doors in this situation?

4. God's Guidance Needs the Guardrails of Godly Wisdom (24:43-44)

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6, Deuteronomy 29:29

Question: Should I ask God for a special sign in this situation, or can I walk in wisdom while trusting Him with the secret things?

5. God's Guidance Often Takes Us Out of Our Comfort Zone (24:55-57)

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2, Joshua 1:7-9, Jeremiah 1:4-12

Question: Am I displaying Laban's worldly opportunism or Rebekah's bold faith? Am I seeking Abraham's gold or God's glory in this situation?

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever gotten lost and needed directions? How did you find your way?
2. What mission does Abraham give to his servant? Why would Abraham's servant need God's guidance in this mission?
3. In what areas of your life do you need God's guidance right now? What help from this passage is there for your situation?
4. Why would Abraham's instructions include avoiding Canaanite women for Isaac? What principle(s) can we find in this passage for Christians seeking a spouse today?
5. Eliezer prays for God's direction. How should we pray when we are "lost" or confused about what to do next?
6. Should we ask for "signs" to receive God's guidance (like Eliezer asking for his camels to be watered or Gideon's fleece)? Why or why not?
7. Has there been a time when God's leading required a step of faith or difficult decision? What did that look like?
8. How does the Holy Spirit help with