

'The Story of Love'

~~**O.T. Readings: Gen 24: 34-**~~
38, 42-49, 58-67

**N.T. Readings: Matthew 11:
25-30**

- “The Lord, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my father’s household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give this land’— he will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there.” (Gen 24: 7)

1. He Prepares for the Journey

- “Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and left, taking with him all kinds of good things from his master...” (Genesis 24:10)

2. He Prays for a sign

- “O Lord, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a girl, ‘Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too’ - let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master.”” (Genesis 24:12–14)

3. He Praises God

- “Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master’s relatives.”
(Genesis 24:27)

3. He Praises God

- **“Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel 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.” (Genesis 24:64–65)**
- **She leaves home and family to travel to a land she has never seen.**
- **God does not speak in this story!**

The Greatest Love

- “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
(Matthew 11:28–30)