

Growing Older & Wiser Bible Study V: Wiser By Faith – Genesis 24:1-9

Opening Questions:

- 1) What are some ways that people today show each other that they will keep their part of an agreement?

- 2) If you had the resources and power to do so, what kind of things would you prepare in advance for your children so that they wouldn't have to worry about them when they got older?

Going Deep:

1. What two things does Abraham tell his servant to make sure that Isaac doesn't do?

2. Abraham's servant asks him what he should do if the prospective bride won't return to where Abraham is now living. What about Abraham's response to this question shows he's learned from his mistake of not trusting God to fulfill promises?

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3. Parents often chose the spouses of their children during the era of today's lesson. They also tended to make their decisions without consulting the children. Yet, Abraham's instructions to his servant allow for the possibility that the perspective bride may not consent to a marriage far from her homeland. Why do you think Abraham breaks with tradition for her perspective daughter-in-law but doesn't do so concerning his son?

4. Abraham's servant's actions allow Abraham to successfully do what God called him to do when God told him to settle in the Promised Land. Who are some of the people in your life who have and/or are helping you accomplish what God wants you to do with your life?

5. How has your growing faith in God made you wiser when it comes to the important relationships you share with others?
