

## ONE STORY

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

GENESIS 24-39

**LIVE PREACHING AT EVERY CAMPUS. SCROLL DOWN TO FIND THE NOTES FOR YOUR CAMPUS.**

### **When God Leads You to Marriage – Relationship Status** Justin Raby

#### **God created marriage to picture Christ and His church**

and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; **Genesis 24:3**

but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac." **Genesis 24:4**

And it happened, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her pitcher on her shoulder. **Genesis 24:15**

Now the young woman was very beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had known her. And she went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up. **Genesis 24:16**

And he said, "Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren." **Genesis 24:27**

Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing comes from the LORD; we cannot speak to you either bad or good. **Genesis 24:50**

And it came to pass, when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he worshiped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. **Genesis 24:52**

Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother. **Genesis 24:53**

Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go." **Genesis 24:58**

And they blessed Rebekah and said to her: "Our sister, may you become The mother of thousands of ten thousands; And may your descendants possess The gates of those who hate them." **Genesis 24:60**

Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from her camel; **Genesis 24:64**

for she had said to the servant, "Who is this man walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took a veil and covered herself. **Genesis 24:65**

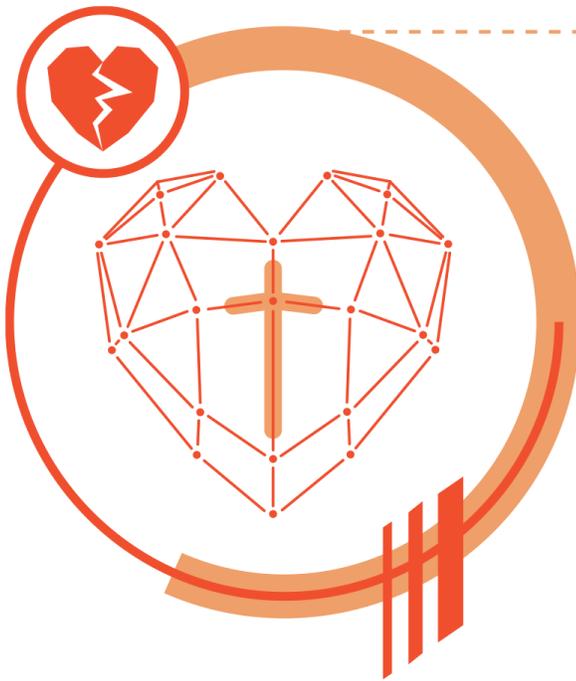
Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. **Genesis 24:67**

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? **2 Corinthians 6:14**

This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. **Ephesians 5:32**

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### *When You're Single and Living for God – Relationship Status* Chris Fetters

#### Trusting God in your Singleness

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. **Genesis 39:1**

The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. **Genesis 39:2**

And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand. **Genesis 39:3**

So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. **Genesis 39:4**

So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had in the house and in the field. **Genesis 39:5**

Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. **Genesis 39:6**

## Honoring God in your Singleness

And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."  
**Genesis 39:7**

But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. **Genesis 39:8**

There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" **Genesis 39:9**

So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her. **Genesis 39:10**

But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside, **Genesis 39:11**

that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. **Genesis 39:12**

And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, **Genesis 39:13**

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **1 Corinthians 6:18-19**

## Believing God's Promises in your Singleness

that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. **Genesis 39:14**

And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside." **Genesis 39:15**

So she kept his garment with her until his master came home. **Genesis 39:16**

Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me; **Genesis 39:17**

so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside." **Genesis 39:18**

So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was aroused. **Genesis 39:19**

Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison. **Genesis 39:20**

But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. **Genesis 39:21**

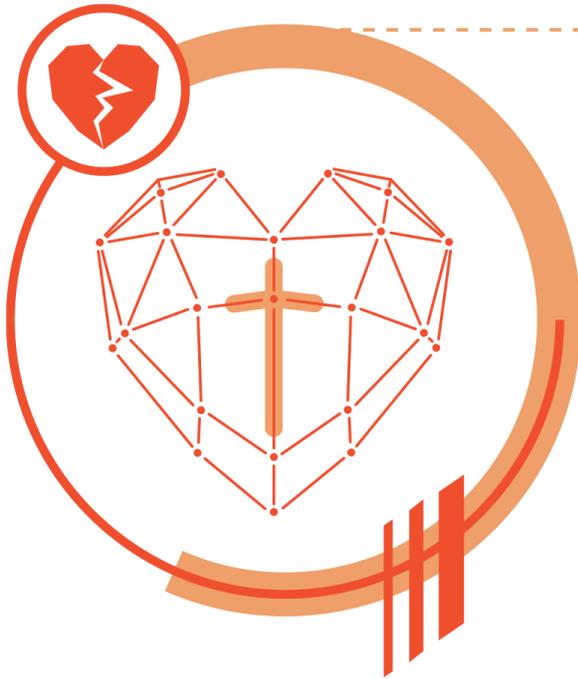
And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. **Genesis 39:22**

The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper. **Genesis 39:23**

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. **Luke 2:52**

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### *When Your Spouse Feels Unloved (Genesis 29-30)– Relationship Status*

Brian Gann

So he said to them, “Is he well?” And they said, “He is well. And look, his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep.”  
**Genesis 29:6 NKJV**

Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.  
**Genesis 29:16 NKJV**

Leah’s eyes *were* delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance. **Genesis 29:17 NKJV**

Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.” **Genesis 29:18**

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed *only* a few days to him because of the love he had for her.  
**Genesis 29:20 NKJV**

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her.” **Genesis 29:21 NKJV**

Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.  
**Genesis 29:23 NKJV**

So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?" **Genesis 29:25 NKJV**

Then *Jacob* also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years. **Genesis 29:30 NKJV**

When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren. **Genesis 29:31 NKJV**

Leah's first four sons:  
Reuben = "behold a son"  
Simeon = "heard"  
Levi = "joined to"  
Judah = "praised"

Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die!" **Genesis 30:1 NKJV**

Bilhah's two sons  
Dan = "a judge"  
Naphtali = "wrestled"

Zilpah's two sons...  
Gad = "troop"  
Asher = "happy"

Leah's kids...  
Isachar = "wages"  
Zebulun = "exalted"  
Dinah = "judgment"

Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. **Genesis 30:22 NKJV**

Rachel bore one more son  
Joseph = "Jehovah has added"  
Benjamin = "Son of my right hand"

## **God's intention for marriage – Ephesians 5:22-33**

Wives - Respect and follow your own husband

Husbands - Love your wife and sacrifice for her

## **When it isn't going well – 1 Peter 3:1-7**

Wives - Follow

Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, **1 Peter 3:1 NKJV**

Husbands - Learn to understand your wife

Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. **1 Peter 3:7 NKJV**

## God is using the feeling of being unloved to draw you to Him

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. **1 John 4:16 NKJV**

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **1 John 4:18 NKJV**

## When you know Jesus, you realize that you are never unloved

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **Romans 8:38 NKJV**

nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39 NKJV**

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## NURSERY

## JESUS LOVES EVERYONE

THE STORY OF ZACCHAEUS



This month we will be learning about Zacchaeus. Jesus' love for us doesn't depend on how beautiful, smart, or popular we are; Jesus loves us in spite of who we are. He loves us no matter what.

**Memory Verse:** Jesus Loves Everyone. John 3:16 (adapted for toddlers).

**Heart of the Lesson:** Jesus Loves Everyone and We Loves Jesus - The story of Zacchaeus

**Parent Connect:** Say: **Can you use the craft you made at church to tell me what you learned today at church?** Allow verbal kids to retell the story, helping as much as you need to. If your kid is not verbal yet, say things like, **Can you point to Jesus? Can you point to Zacchaeus? Let's make Zacchaeus climb up the tree so he can see Jesus!** (move the string so he will "climb" the tree) **Jesus said, "Zacchaeus come down. I'm eating at your house today!"** (move the string so Zacchaeus "climbs down" the tree) Say, **Jesus loved Zacchaeus and he loves us, too!**

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## ABRAHAM'S BIG FAMILY

PART TWO OF OUR WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE



We've learned how it all started, how everything went wrong and God's promise to bless the world through Abraham and his huge family. This month we will start to see that blessing unfolding through the next several generations of Abraham's family. Join us as we look for hints in our stories that point to Jesus.

**Memory Verse:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Answers Prayers - Isaac and Rebecca - Genesis 24

**Parent Connect:** In our story today Isaac's servant gives Rebekah beautiful jewelry as a gift from Isaac. This bracelet can remind us that God answers our prayers too, just like he answered Isaac's prayers for a wife. God was also answering Abraham's prayer. Through this family God would send Jesus to save the whole world. Sometime this week, help your kid make something special to give to someone that needs some encouragement and remind them that God answers prayers.

## ELEMENTARY

## READY, SET, GO

PART TWO OF OUR WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE



In Ready, Set, Go we will be continuing our One Story Reading Plan and keep an eye on the Winter Olympics to see how we can be Followers of Jesus ready to walk in faith.

**Memory Verse:** Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1

**Heart of the Lesson:** God answers prayers - Genesis 24

**Parent Connect:** Abraham's servant prayed for God to help him and prayed specifically for guidance and evidence of what he was looking for and God answered. As you go about your day, take a moment before you start and pray with your kids for specific things to happen. An example could be going to the store and before you go in pray that you would find what you're looking for. Encourage your kids to not just pray for their day but to pray for specific things. An example could be instead of praying that they would have a good day, pray that they would make a memory with a friend.

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# YOU ASKED FOR IT!

ANSWERING HARD QUESTIONS



During the next three weeks we will be exploring the Bible for answers to questions you have asked. We are switching it up and doing small groups first to encourage/teach the students how to find the answers themselves in the Bible. Then we will wrap it up with large group teaching.

**Memory Verse:** Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

**Heart of the Lesson:** What is the Tree of Life for? - Genesis 2, Genesis 3:22-24, Revelation 2:7, Revelation 22:14

**Parent Connect:** Talk through how you would answer a friend who asked you: What is the Tree of Life for?

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

## RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Trusting God with Relationships

ONE STORY

GRACE  
SPECIAL  
NEEDS

As we continue through Genesis, we see that relationships can be confusing! But God wants us to trust Him most. Just like God guided and drew near to people running into relationship problems in the Bible, He guides and draws near to us!

**Memory Verse:** James 1:5a (NIRV) "If any of you needs [wisdom](#), you should [ask God](#) for it. He will [give](#) it to [you](#)."

**Heart of the Lesson:** We can trust Jesus to guide us - Genesis 24

**Parent Connect:**

1. What happened before our story that made Abraham and Isaac sad?
2. Who lead Eleazar to find a wife for Isaac?
3. Who can lead us to good friends?
4. Who promises to be our best friend? How can we tell others about his friendship?