

WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

REBEKAH

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Hagar** has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Genesis 24

2. a) Summarize the oath and conditions sworn by Abraham's servant in **V1-9**.

b) What do you like about the way Abraham reassures his servant of a successful mission in **V7**?
3. List the ways the servant prepares for success in **V10-14**?
4. What do you notice about the servant's prayer that helps you in your own prayer life?
5. a) What facts do you learn about Rebekah in **V15-16**?

b) What character traits in Rebekah impressed you in **V17-25**?
6. Describe the relationship the servant has with the LORD from **V12-15, 21, 26-27** and **52**.
7. As you read the continuation of Rebekah's story in **V28-49**, what new details do you see regarding:

Rebekah _____

Laban _____

Servant _____

God _____

8. According to **V50-51**, what is the answer to the marriage proposal, and who is given credit for the answer?
9. What do you admire about the way Rebekah responded to the proposal in **V52-58**?
10. a) Why do you think Rebekah was willing to leave everything she knew and to do so with such haste?
- b) Describe a time when you had to step out of your comfort zone. What was your attitude, and how did you prepare?
11. What warms your heart about Rebekah's send-off and her first encounter with Isaac in **V59-67**?

SECTION II: Read Genesis 25:19-34

12. a) From **V20-26**, how long was Rebekah childless, and what was Isaac's response?
- b) Once pregnant, Rebekah also prayed. Can you relate to her question? How or when?
13. Summarize the prophecy given to Rebekah in **V23**. How could it have surprised her?
14. Describe Esau and Jacob, including their character traits (**V25-34**).

Esau

Jacob

SECTION III: Read Genesis 27

15. a) Re-read **25:28**. What was the result of this favoritism in **27:1-45**?

Isaac _____

Rebekah _____

Esau _____

Jacob _____

b) Re-read your answer to **Question 13**. Write a truth that surfaces despite this family's dysfunction.

16. What character traits are revealed in Rebekah in **Chapter 27**?

17. Read **27:13**. What consequences did Rebekah suffer in **V41-45**?

18. a) Which character trait of Rebekah will you pray God will grow in you? (For examples, see **Questions 5b** and **12b.**)

b) Which negative character trait of Rebekah's will you pray for victory to overcome? (See **Question 16.**)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What does the Bible say about favoritism? Main points:

Leviticus 19:15 _____

Acts 10:34-35 _____

James 2:1-5, 8-9 _____

2. What can happen as a result of favoritism?

Genesis 29:30-30:2 _____

Genesis 37:3-4 _____

3. Describe a time when you've seen the repercussions of favoritism.

4. Suggested Memory Verse: **Job 42:2**

