

# Sermon Notes

## Near, Far, Wherever You Are, His Love Will Go On

Genesis 24

*Intro: Genesis is suddenly a love story... ...with a big difference!*

### 1. Trusting God's priorities even if it seems like a Mission Impossible (1-9)

- Faith priorities:
  - a) Isaac must not marry Canaanites
  - b) Isaac must not leave the land
- Practical Challenges: *"And I would walk 500 miles..."*
  - 1) 21 days journey (520 miles!) to find a distant relative
  - 2) Who is available to be married
  - 3) Who is a faithful believer in God
  - 4) Whose family are willing to say goodbye
  - 5) Who's willing to travel back without meeting her fiancé!!!

### 2. The key prayer: show your steadfast love to.... Abraham! (10-14)

### 3. God demonstrates that his steadfast love to Abraham does indeed continue... even in the next generation! (15-67)

- Practical challenges amazingly overcome:
  - 1) Found! 15, 23-28
  - 2) Found! 16
  - 3) Found! 17-22
    - ...wait for it... 29-49
  - 4) Found! 50-51
    - ...but wait for it 55-57
  - 5) Found! 58-61
- God's promises amazingly reiterated: 60, cf. Genesis 22:17

*So what are the implications for us?*

- ➔ *Trust God's steadfast Abrahamic love goes on to future generations of the family: near, far, wherever you are.*
- ➔ *So trust that God will fulfil his promises of permanent place & plentiful people, however challenging obstacles might seem.*