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- ▶ Abraham's servant prays for help to find Abraham a wife in VS 12. From VS 15 and VS 27, how did he see God's providence?
- ▶ In what ways are you asking for God to similarly lead you and work on your behalf in his sweet providence?

### **II. THE LOVE STORY: PRIORITY**

- ▶ From VS 3-4, what is Abraham's priority in regards to a wife for his son?
- ▶ What was or is your priority for raising your children? For their spouse? What should/should have been (if different from what is/was)?
- ▶ Spend some time confessing to each other and to God where you fell or still fall short in your priorities in parenting. Then give thanks for God's providence and His ability to work in spite of any of our failings!

### **III. THE LOVE STORY: RESPONSE**

- ▶ How does Rebekah respond in VS 58? Read Luke 1:38. How did Mary respond to God?
- ▶ Read 2 Cor. 11:2 and discuss how God pursues us. Compared to your favorite love story, how is our love story with God better?
- ▶ What kind of response does God want from us? How is this love story meant to affect the way we love our spouse or neighbor?

God loves us not because we are loveable but because He is love. And because He is love, He can only will what is best for us, which is to be transformed into a being of holy love like Himself. He will settle for nothing less. As we meditate on God's love for us, especially in the cross of Christ, our love for God and our neighbor will increase, and our hearts will become more and more like God's — filled with love.

- CS Lewis

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