

## Genesis 25 — A Love That Makes Us Worthy

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"We grow up hungry for love, and in ways so deep as to remain unexpressed we long for our Maker to love us."

Grace does not depend on what we have done for God but rather what God has done for us. Ask people what they must do to get to heaven and most reply, "Be good." Jesus' stories contradict that answer. All we must do is cry, "Help!"

— Philip Yancey

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