



## WORD

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Genesis 24:26,27

## WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

Choosing a partner in life is one of the big decisions a person makes in his or her lifetime. And while this make-or-break choice should be made with utmost care, we often base our decisions on the word’s haphazard ways on love instead of consulting what its Author has to say. How, then, can we follow God’s ways on love? Let us study the example of Abraham’s servant and how he found a suitable bride for Isaac.

### • **Seek God’s will.**

*Then he prayed, “O LORD, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.”*

Genesis 24:12

Abraham believed that God’s will for Isaac is to marry a godly wife. And so he placed his servant under an oath—a huge responsibility (Genesis 24:3,4)! The servant was wise enough to ask God to take over the situation. How do people usually face big decisions? Why is our own judgment not enough (Romans 12:2)?

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### • **Trust in God’s leading.**

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The servant was not left alone to fulfill the task but had the assurance that God’s angel will go before him (Genesis 24: 7,8). And true enough he saw how God made a way to for him to find a suitable wife for Isaac.

Like the servant, we too have God’s promise of guidance (Psalm 32:8). Why can we trust God’s ways? What happened when you chose to trust His leading (Isaiah 55:9)?

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### • **Follow God’s ways.**

*But he said to them, “Do not detain me, now that the LORD has granted success to my journey. Send me on my way so I may go to my master.”*

Genesis 24:56

On his way to fully completing his task, the servant faced some situations that could have hindered him but he stuck to God’s ways. God’s way is the course of life or principles that God prescribes for His followers (Psalm 25:4). He could have given in to the request of the bride’s parents, but the servant chose to obey God immediately and completely. What benefits did the servant get from fully obeying God? What could have happened if he didn’t?

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## SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- What do you usually do when you are about to make an important decision? Who are the people you run to for advice? How does God’s Word help you in this?
- How much do you trust God’s ways? Where there times when you didn’t understand what He was doing? How did you respond?
- Why do you think is it important to obey God completely and immediately?

## NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- Romans 12:2 says that God’s will is good, pleasing, and perfect. What do you think is God’s will for you in this season and how will you seek and know this more?
- In what areas of your life do you feel you need to trust God more? How can you grow your trust in God?
- Where is God leading you in your relationships, work, ministry, etc.? How will you obey Him?