

FIRST 5 YEARS

A Sermon Series on Romance, Marriage, and Children

Finding Your Partner

ISAAC AND REBEKAH · GENESIS 24

Dating in 2026 is the hardest it has ever been.

- Seven in ten singles say their dating life is not going well.

So how do you find the “one”?

- There is no formula. Scripture gives you a place to start.

PART 1: LOVE SOURCE / GENESIS 24:1–14

Abraham finally does it right.

- He got desperate once and went to Hagar. It was the costliest mistake of his life.
- Now he sends his servant 500 miles and trusts God to go ahead of him.

The search does not rest where you think it rests.

- Not on Abraham. Not on the servant. Not on the test.
- On God's steadfast love.

HESED / STEADFAST LOVE

ḥesed/Hesed = Steadfast Love

Acts of loyal kindness no matter what you do.

PART 2: GOD LEADS WITH STEADFAST LOVE / GENESIS 24:15–27

“As for me, the LORD has led me.”

- Led according to what? According to a love that does not change – steadfast love.
- Apps, matchmakers, arranged marriages. Tools are fine. No tool can lead you like God.

PART 3: DATE STEADFAST LOVE / GENESIS 24:48–49

He put steadfast love on her.

- Every box was already checked. The servant still asked one more question: are you in on this, or not?

Steadfast love is the shared mission.