

# Genesis 24:15-67

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## SERMON NOTES

### Genesis

In the beginning...

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**God's plan throughout redemption history is personal, global, supernatural, and offered by grace!**

*Mimesis* = finding excellence by imitating something greater than yourself

*Poiesis* = finding authenticity by inventing yourself on your own terms

- Rosaria Butterfield

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How can we come to know the will of God?

1. Become generally interested in living within God's will.
2. Pray and ask God for wisdom and guidance.
3. Become a discerning listener and make sure it is God's voice you are hearing.
4. Be prepared to act on God's guidance and direction.
5. Remain eager to bring glory to God.

*"Hearing God makes sense only in the framework of living in the will of God."*

- Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*

### Four guides that help us recognize God's voice:

1. God's Word
2. Communing Prayer
3. Godly counsel
4. Circumstances

*"God will never reveal more truth about Himself till you obey what you know already."*

- Oswald Chambers

*“Success, which inflates the natural man, humbles the man of God. The servant’s first thought is for the Lord, his second for his employer, and his final one, with unaffected delight, for himself.”*

- Derek Kidner, *Genesis*

*“To know that nothing happens in God’s world apart from God’s will may frighten the godless, but it stabilizes the saints.”*

- J.I. Packer

- **Abraham:** the father willing to offer his son as a sacrifice; arranging a bride for his son.
- **Isaac:** the promised son; the willing sacrifice; now ready and eager, awaiting his bride.
- **Servant:** just like the HS, sent out to draw the bride to the son, the church to Jesus!
- **Rebekah:** the willing bride, like the true bride of Christ, responds positively to the question: “Will you go?”

*“The necessity and provision of redemption is at the very heart of God’s plan and the plan of His heart.”*

- David Jackman

*“Without revelation we cannot know God and without redemption we cannot reach him. That is why evangelical essentials focus on the Bible and the cross, and on their indispensability, since it is through these that God’s word to us has been spoken and God’s work for us has been done.”*

- John Stott, *Evangelical Essentials*