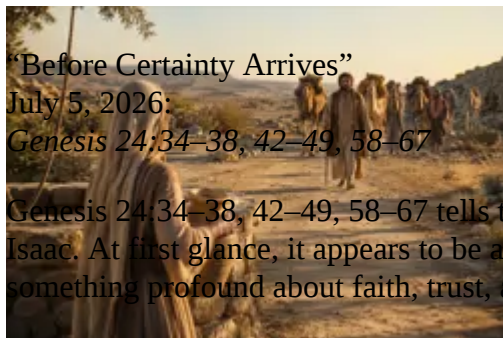




"Before Certainty Arrives"

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Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67 tells the story of Abraham's servant being sent to find a wife for Isaac. At first glance, it appears to be a quiet and ordinary journey, yet beneath the surface it reveals something profound about faith, trust, and God's guidance through uncertain moments.

Most people prefer certainty before making important decisions. We gather information, weigh possibilities, and try to anticipate every outcome before committing ourselves to a path. Yet life rarely provides complete clarity ahead of time. Faith often asks us to move before we can fully see where the road will lead.

Abraham's servant leaves on his journey without knowing exactly how events will unfold. He travels first and seeks God's guidance along the way. At the well, he prays, watches carefully, and remains attentive to what God may be doing through ordinary circumstances. His trust is not rooted in certainty, but in a willingness to move forward while remaining open to God's leading.

Rebekah also steps into uncertainty. When asked whether she is willing to leave her home and travel with strangers toward an unknown future, her answer is simple: "I will." Like Abraham before her, she entrusts herself to a future she cannot yet see.

Meanwhile, Isaac remains in the background grieving the loss of Sarah. He has no awareness of the prayers, conversations, and events unfolding far beyond his sight. Yet even while Isaac cannot see it, God is already bringing comfort and hope toward him across the desert.

None of the characters fully understand the larger picture while living through it. Only later can they begin to recognize how God had been at work all along.

That same pattern appears throughout Scripture. Abraham leaves home without knowing the destination. The disciples follow Jesus before understanding where the journey will lead. Even the cross appears to be defeat until Easter reveals God's hidden work of redemption.

Faith is not the absence of uncertainty. It is learning to trust that God may already be preparing something we cannot yet see.