

Digging Deeper: Love at First Faith

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THE MAIN THEME

God's design for love is not built on feelings alone, but on faith. In Genesis 24, we see that relationships—especially marriage—are meant to be rooted in God's mission, guided by His promises, and shaped by His covenant love. Instead of “falling” into love, Scripture calls us to “faith” into love—choosing trust, obedience, and alignment with God. When faith leads, love grows deeper, stronger, and more enduring.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Genesis 24:58

“So they called Rebekah and asked her, ‘Will you go with this man?’ ‘I will go,’ she said.”

WHAT NOT TO MISS

1. Love Moves Forward, Not Backward

God's people are called to move forward in faith—not return to old patterns or compromises (*page 10*). Looking back leads away from God's purpose.

2. Relationships Should Align with God's Mission

Marriage is not about completing ourselves, but partnering with someone to fulfill God's mission (*page 5*).

3. Prayer Should Align with God's Heart

True prayer is not asking God to bless our plans, but asking Him to align us with His purpose (*page 18*).

4. Character Matters More Than Chemistry

Rebekah's kindness, generosity, and servant-hearted character revealed God's hand (*pages 20–23*). God's will is often revealed through character, not just feelings.

5. Faith Leads to Covenant Love

Love grows deeper when it is rooted in faith and commitment, not just emotion (*pages 31–33*).

6. Your Testimony Matters

The servant shared what God had done, showing that testimony builds trust and reveals God's faithfulness (*pages 26–30*).

LIFE APPLICATION

Ask yourself this week:

Am I building relationships on feelings—or on faith?

Whether in dating, marriage, or friendships, God calls us to prioritize faith, character, and mission. When we trust God's way, love becomes something deeper than emotion—it becomes covenant.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

MONDAY — Moving Forward in Faith

Read: Genesis 24:1–8

Reflect: God calls us forward, not backward.

Pray: “Help me trust You as I move forward.”

TUESDAY — Trusting God's Direction

Read: Genesis 24:10–12

Reflect: God guides those who seek Him.

Pray: “Lead me according to Your will.”

WEDNESDAY — Praying God's Will

Read: Matthew 6:9–10

Reflect: Prayer aligns our hearts with God's purpose.

Pray: “Your will be done in my life.”

THURSDAY — Character Over Feelings

Read: Galatians 5:22–23

Reflect: Godly character reflects God's presence.

Pray: “Develop Christlike character in me.”

FRIDAY — Faith That Leads to Love

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:4–7

Reflect: True love is rooted in commitment and action.

Pray: “Teach me to love the way You do.”

FACILITATOR TIPS

- Ask: *“What’s the difference between falling in love and faithing into love?”*
 - Encourage honesty about cultural views of relationships.
 - Emphasize character and mission over attraction alone.
 - Keep the focus on God-centered relationships, not just romance.
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THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Take one step to align your relationships with God’s design:

- Pray for wisdom in a current relationship
- Choose character over chemistry in a decision
- Surrender your expectations to God
- Share your testimony with someone

Then follow through.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to “faith into love”?
 2. How does culture differ from God’s design for relationships?
 3. Why is character more important than chemistry?
 4. How can prayer shape our relationship decisions?
 5. What role does mission play in relationships?
 6. How has God guided you in relationships before?
 7. What step can you take to trust God more in this area?
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PRAYER POINTS

CONNECT

Thank God for His design for love and relationships.

CARE

Pray for those seeking clarity or healing in relationships.

CULTIVATE

Ask God to grow faith, wisdom, and character.

COMMISSION

Pray that your relationships would reflect God’s love and mission.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for showing us what true love looks like. Help us not to rely on feelings alone, but to build our relationships on faith, trust, and obedience to You. Shape our hearts, guide our decisions, and lead us into relationships that honor You and advance Your mission. Amen.