

Text: Genesis 23:1-24:61
Topics: Deeds, Faith, Next Generation
Series: Genesis: The Beginning of His-tory

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Characteristics of Maturing Faith

I. Sarah is Buried (23:1-20)

Maturing faith is *evidenced* by *deeds*.

II. A Servant is Sent (24:1-9)

Maturing faith makes *provision* for the *next generation* to live in the blessing of God's promise.

III. Success is Granted (24:10-61)

Maturing faith *inspires* other *people*.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Whose Christian faith has had the most impact on you, and why?
2. Read Genesis chapter 23. What strikes you about how Abraham conducts himself among the sons of Heth?

Why is the burial of Sarah so significant that it is given this much text?

What outward actions of yours testify to your Christian faith? Which do you think has the most impact on others and why?

3. Read Genesis 24:1-9. Why would Abraham want a wife for Isaac from among his relatives and be so adamant against a wife from where he was?

What influence(s) on the next generations do you think pose the most danger to their Christian faith? Why?

What good influences on the next generation for Christian faith do you see?

What one thing are, or could, you do to have the best influence on them?

4. Read the account of Abraham's servant finding a wife for Isaac in Genesis 24:10-61. What is most interesting about how Abraham's servant finds the right woman who is Abraham's relative? (See verses 10-27)

What purpose does Abraham's servant telling the whole story of what has happened serve in verses 33-49?

Do you see any significance in staying or not staying after the decision has been made for Rebekah to go with them? (See verses 54-61)

5. Think about the people you have, and will have, the most contact with in your lifetime. What would most compel them to follow Christ from your life?