

Intro:

EP (Main point of text): After years of waiting, Isaac's prayers for God to bless Rebekah's womb with the fruit of the Abrahamic covenant are answered.

HP (Main application of text): *Totally rely on God.*

Move 1: Totally rely on God for covenant children.

Context: Abraham is dead. Next generation of covenant yet to come to his son. How long did Isaac wait? 20 years (Age at vss. 20/26). Nearly as long as Abraham for him: 25 years.

Isaac's concern not just for his wife, but the next child to carry the covenant. God gave, as He always does.

Move 2: Totally rely on God with one another.

Men, you lead this. Leadership is service. Isaac serves Rebekah through 20 years of sorrow.

Hebrew of intreating "for" his wife" literally "opposite to": in front of her. *With* her.

Move 3: Totally rely on God for your strength.

God is prayed to and receives the prayer. The Hebrew word for both "intreat" and "was intreated" is the same one Hebrew word for prayer.

He surely had been praying more than just that night. He was a man of meditation on God's promises (Gen. 24:63). Prayed with Rebekah for twenty years. Then, in vs. 21, God answers.

Conclusion:

HP: *Totally rely on God.*