

Genesis: Back to Obedience  
A Picture of the Church  
Genesis 24:1-67

Our culture loves a good love story. Life is hard, so we turn to fiction to find an escape. We need to experience, at least through an author's imagination, a good story where someone lives happily ever after. We need the novel because our real world is filled with relationships that are not only strained but destroyed because of finances, control issues, domestic violence, and more. We need the story because we need the hope that we too can find our happily ever after.

1. The bride is chosen by will of the Father.
2. The bride is located by the witness of the servant.
3. The bride is decided by the willingness of the betrothed.
4. The bride is received by the welcome of the bridegroom.

With Isaac, it was "love at first sight," but what did Jesus see in us that He should want us to be His bride? We were rebellious sinners with no beauty or merit to boast about, and yet Jesus loved us and died for us. Rebekah had received a few gifts from Isaac, but once married, she possessed all that he possessed. Their lives were one, and so it is with Christ and His church.