

Intro:

EP (Main Point of Text): *While waiting on and praying over his servant's match-making mission, Isaac's wife arrives.*

HP (Main Application of Text): *God uses and answers your prayers.*

Move 1: Look for praying men to follow.

Isaac is the kind of man to look for in a Christian husband and son-in-law:

- Has resources from honoring father who honored the Lord and didn't look to Sodom.
- He is his father's son, who called on name of Lord, walked w/ God, waited: Gen. 18:19.
- Kind to women: Vs. 65: approaches to welcome. Vs. 67: sensitive (loved and is comforted).
- Vss. 62-63. Spends special time w/ God after working all day. Praying for wife. Praying for success to find her. To carry on the covenant seed. Willing to wait for right woman.

Move 2: Be the kind of people who talk with God about everything, and often.

Isaac had a lot on his mind: seriousness of situation/need for wife as son of promise. Sadness of losing mother (vs. 67). No family besides aging father. Will he have a wife? Is he ready?

He is sustained and strengthened by "meditating". Muse pensively. Thinking and talking w/ God.

Move 3: Be assured that your prayers make a difference.

Vs. 63b: when Isaac ends his prayer, there is his wife-to-be coming on the caravan from a far away country! Just like the servant at the well. Likely before praying, answer was on her way: vs. 61.

If Isaac gave his mind to other things, he would not have been there to greet Rebekah. Nor seen the answer overlap his request.

Conclusion:

This is not likely Isaac's first time in evening, outdoor meditation. This was Isaac's lifestyle that led to this day.

HP: *God uses and answers your prayers.*