

## Rebekah's Strength

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Rebekah is...	Genesis
Described by her virtue— pure and righteous— and had known no man	24:16
Portrayed as servant-hearted	24:19-20
Hospitable	24:25
Willing to trust God with her future	24:58

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## Rebekah's Struggles

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### Rebekah's Struggles: Infertility

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And Isaac prayed to the LORD  
for his wife, because she was  
barren. And the LORD granted  
his prayer, and Rebekah his wife  
conceived. —Genesis 25:21 ESV

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### Rebekah's Struggles: Sibling Rivalry

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<sup>22</sup>The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.  
<sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to her,

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"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."

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<sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.  
 —Genesis 25:22-23, 27-28 <sup>ESV</sup>

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"Love your children equally.  
 Raise your children differently."

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Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. —Proverbs 22:6 <sup>ESV</sup>

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Rebekah's Struggles:  
**Anxiety**

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“You will either let go of your desire to control or you will spend your life in conflict with the people you love the most.”

—Dr. Juli Slattery

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## Rebekah and God’s Sovereign Mercy

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<sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of Him who calls—

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<sup>12</sup>she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup>As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” <sup>14</sup>What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! <sup>15</sup>For He says to Moses,

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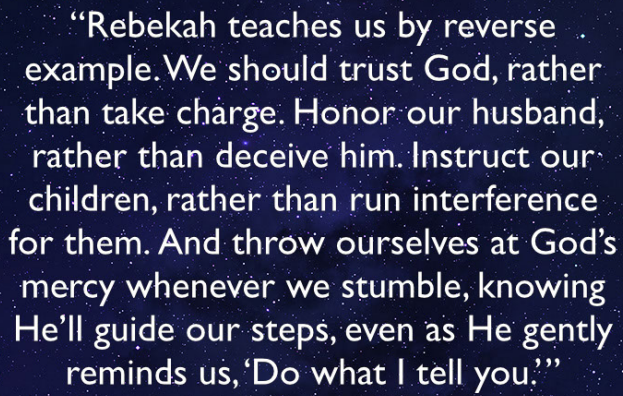
“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” <sup>16</sup>So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. —Romans 9:10-16 ESV

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<sup>21</sup>But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.”

—Lamentations 3:21-24 ESV

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“Rebekah teaches us by reverse example. We should trust God, rather than take charge. Honor our husband, rather than deceive him. Instruct our children, rather than run interference for them. And throw ourselves at God’s mercy whenever we stumble, knowing He’ll guide our steps, even as He gently reminds us, ‘Do what I tell you.’”

—Liz Curtis Higgs

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