

Loyal (Hesed) Relationships Genesis 21:22-34

Introduction Genesis 12:1-3

- A. Relationships Rooted In Loyalty (Hesed), 22-24
 - 1. Background: the failure to base a relationship in loyalty (hesed), Genesis 20

- B. Relationships Rooted In Loyalty (Hesed) Resolve Conflicts, 25-32
 - 1. A hesed relationship practices open communication, 25-26

 - 2. A hesed relationship makes commitments, 27

 - 3. A hesed relationship acts righteously, 28-30

 - 4. A hesed relationship creates peace, 31-32

 - 5. Romans 12:14-18

- C. Relationships Rooted In Loyalty (Hesed) Lead Us To Worship The Eternal God, 33-34

Conclusion

- 1. Relationships rooted in loyalty (hesed) do not deal with conflict by pretending to have peace.
 - a. Pretending to have peace by destroying or dominating the other person or group

 - b. Pretending to have peace by divorcing or ignoring the other person or group

- 2. Hesed relationships should go beyond dealing with conflict to blessing.
 - a. Genesis 12:1-3

- 3. Hebrews 12:14
 - a. “Pursue peace with all” = do everything possible to have hesed relationships

 - b. “and be holy” = if you can’t have a hesed relationship, do not have a relationship where their sin will lead you into sin.
 - 1) Example: Lot
 - 2) Example: Ishmael
 - 3) Example: Abemelich