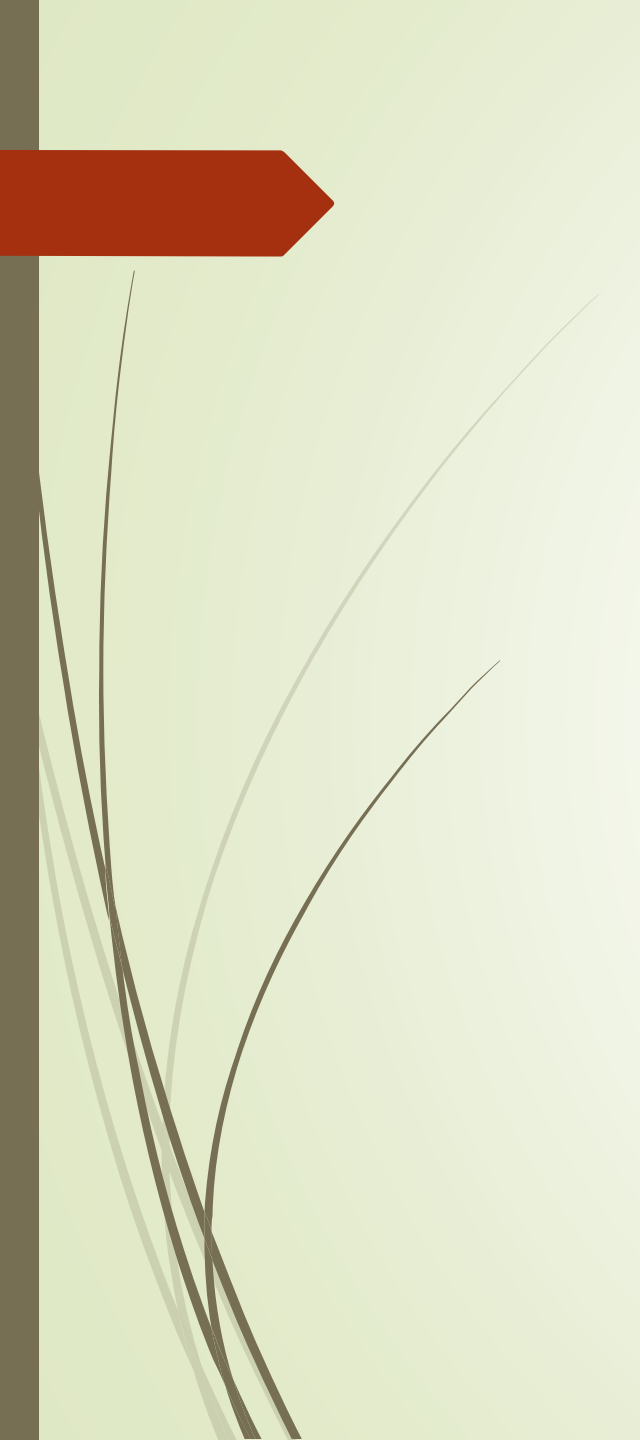




Rachel – One Who Must Be Lost for God's Gain

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1. If I'd know Christ's risen power.
I must ever love the Cross;
Life from death alone arises;
There's no gain except by loss.

If no death, no life,
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Life from death alone arises;
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2. If I'd have Christ formed within me,
I must breathe my final breath,
Live within the Cross's shadow,
Put my soul-life e'er to death.

3. If God thru th' Eternal Spirit
Nail me ever with the Lord;
Only then as death is working
Will His life thru me be poured.



Experience of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

- Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob can be considered, in their complete spiritual experience, as an allegory of a single corporate person.
- These collectively show that the Triune God is working Himself into man for His purpose of producing a corporate people of God: Israel in the Old Testament, and the church in the New Testament.
- The experience of Abraham emphasizes that we must know God the Father as our source, believe Him, fellowship with Him, and trust Him and not our own efforts.
- The experience of Isaac emphasizes that we must simply enjoy Christ the Son as our rich inheritance and rest in grace without striving.
- The experience of Jacob emphasizes that we must submit to the dealing and discipline of God the Spirit as He arranges the environment in order that we may be broken and transformed.




Three Patriarchs

- 1. Abraham** – one who was called and justified and learned to live by faith.
- 2. Isaac** – one who was born of God's promise, inherited all God's promised riches, rested in grace and enjoyed without striving.
- 3. Jacob** – a chosen, yet natural man, under God's disciplining and dealing hand. In the midst of his struggles and sufferings he was broken, transformed, and made to eventually express God to reign with Him.



Three Matriarchs

- 1. Sarah** – one who believed God and cooperated with His purpose and covenant of promise. She learned to turn from the effort of the flesh to take God's way of grace.
 - 2. Rebekah** – one who typifies the chosen people of God who are gained by the work of the Spirit to become the bride and counterpart of the Son.
 - 3. Rachel** – the choice and preference of the natural man who must be lost in order for God to be gained for the fulfillment of His purpose.
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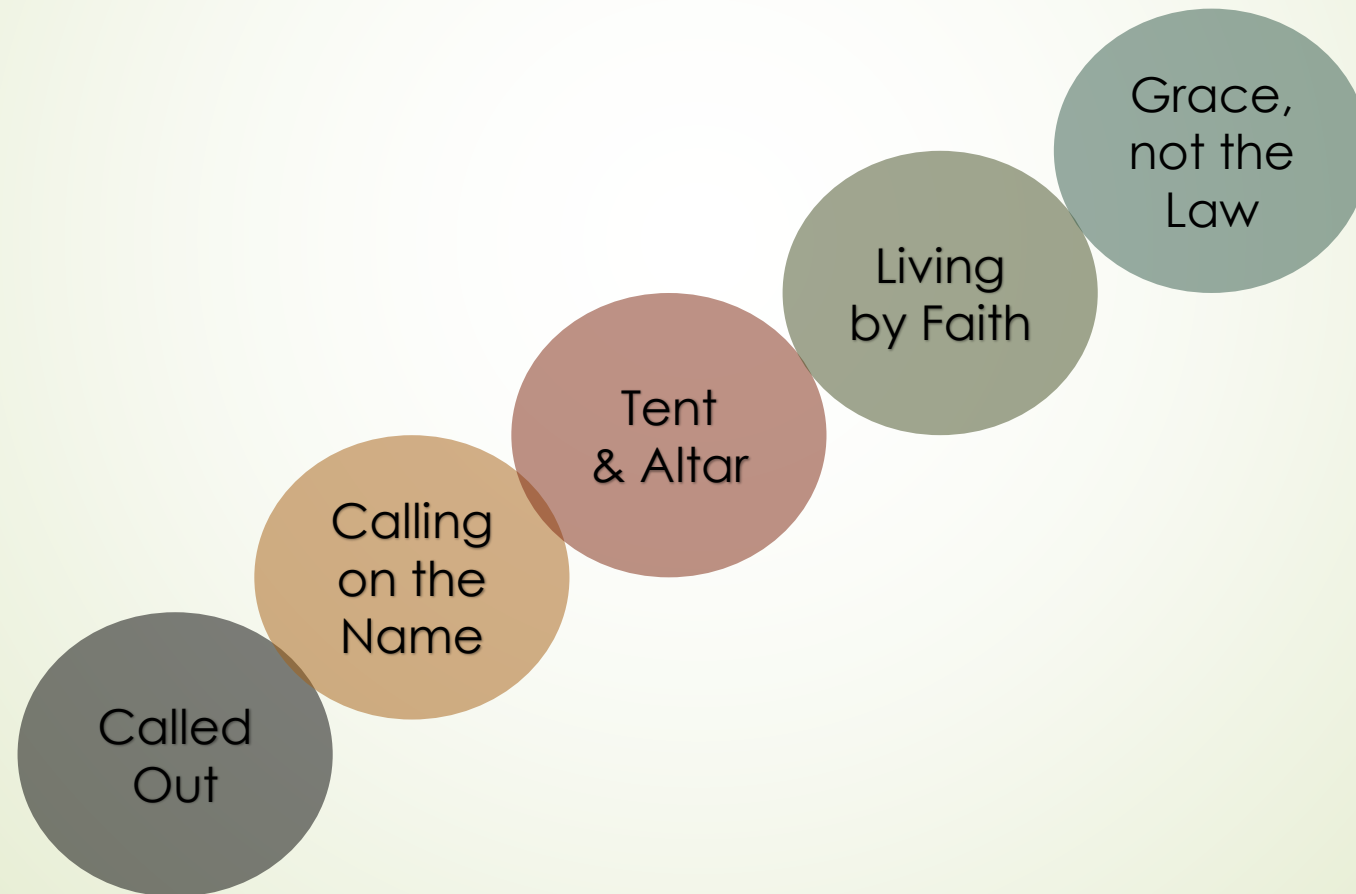


God's Ultimate Goal

The experiences of these patriarchs and matriarchs show us the pathway for all of God's people to be fully dealt with, transformed, and built up together as one corporate entity that expresses God and fulfills His eternal economy.

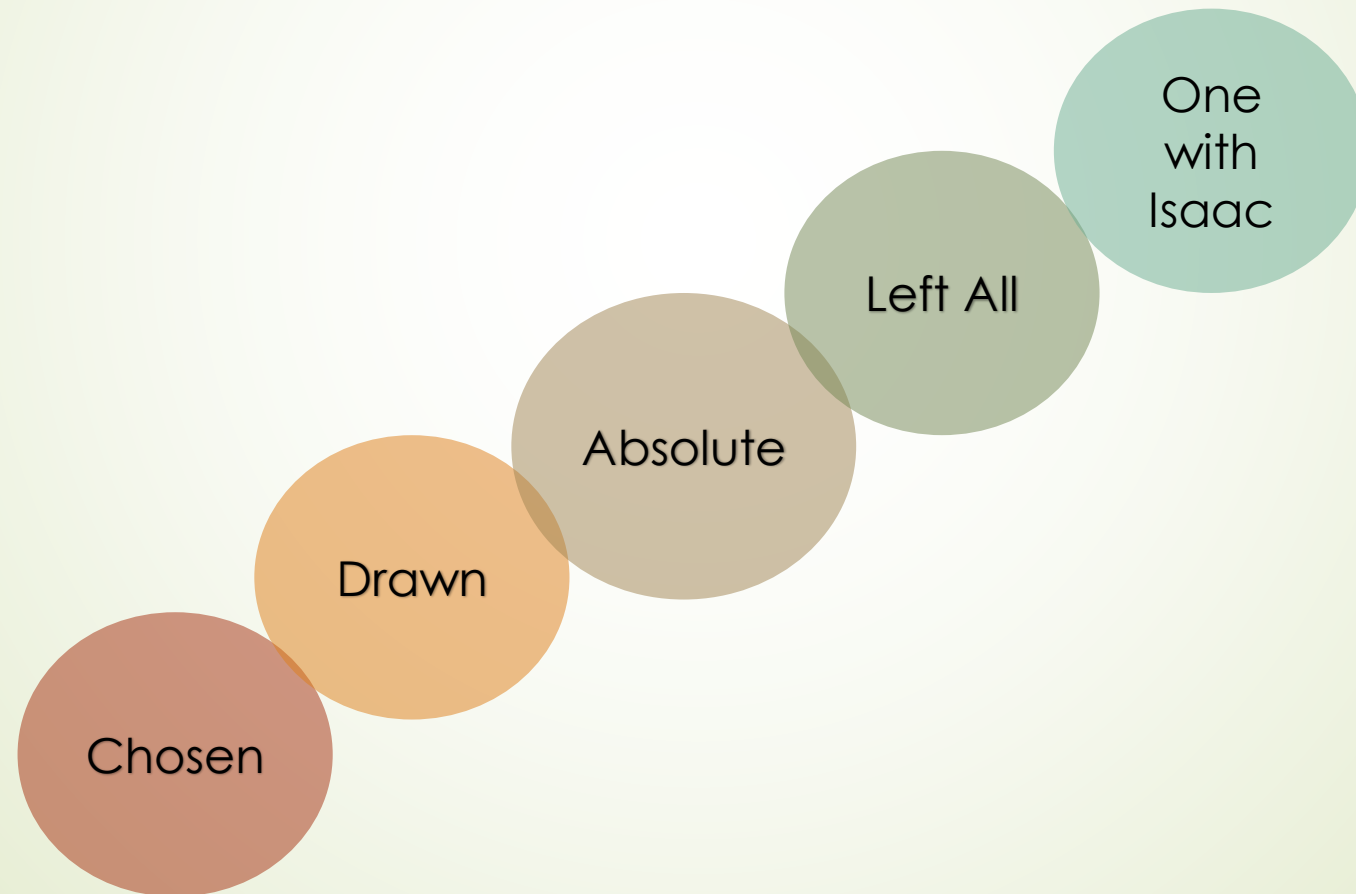


Journey of Sarah with Abraham



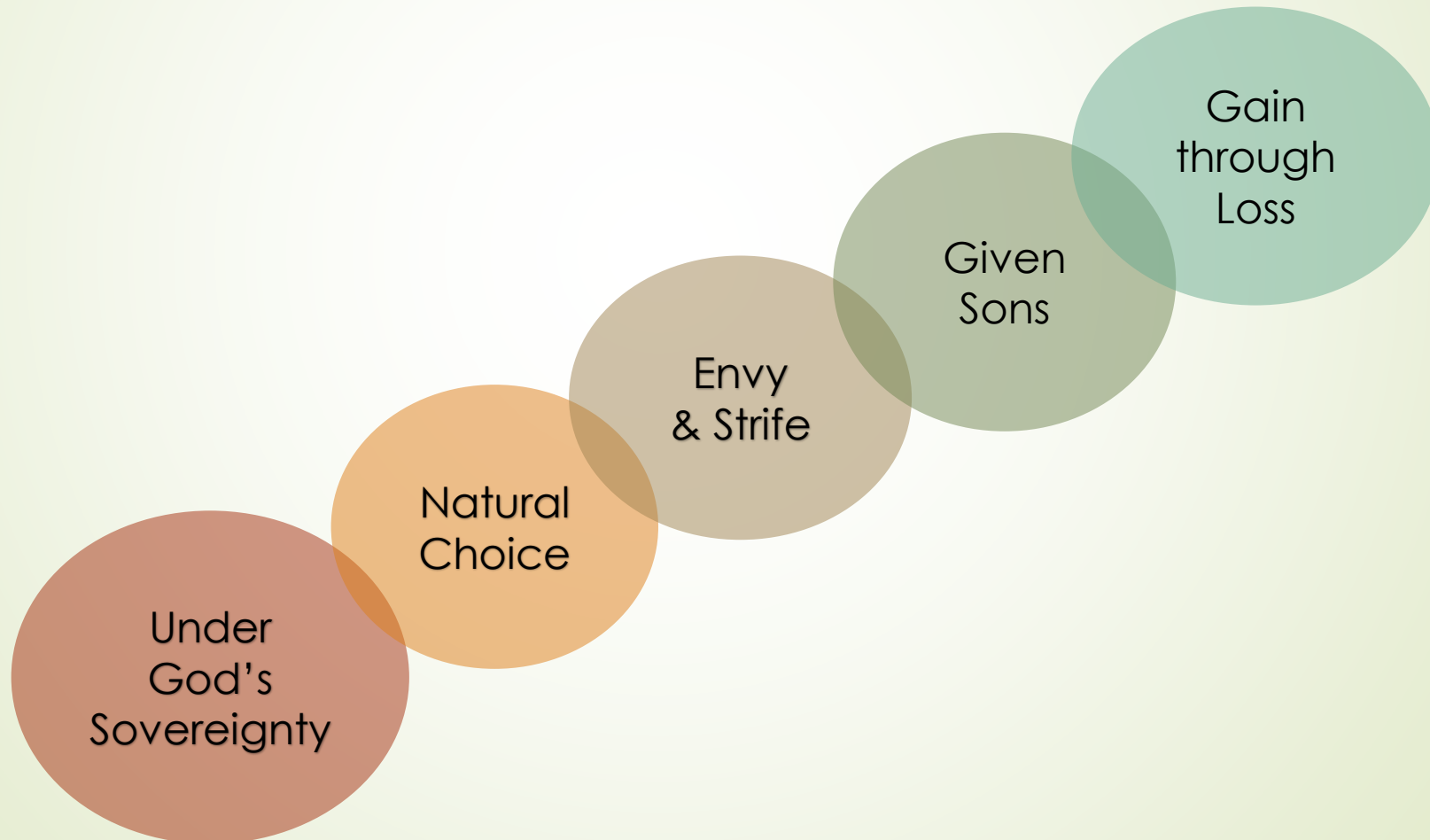


Journey of Rebekah with Isaac



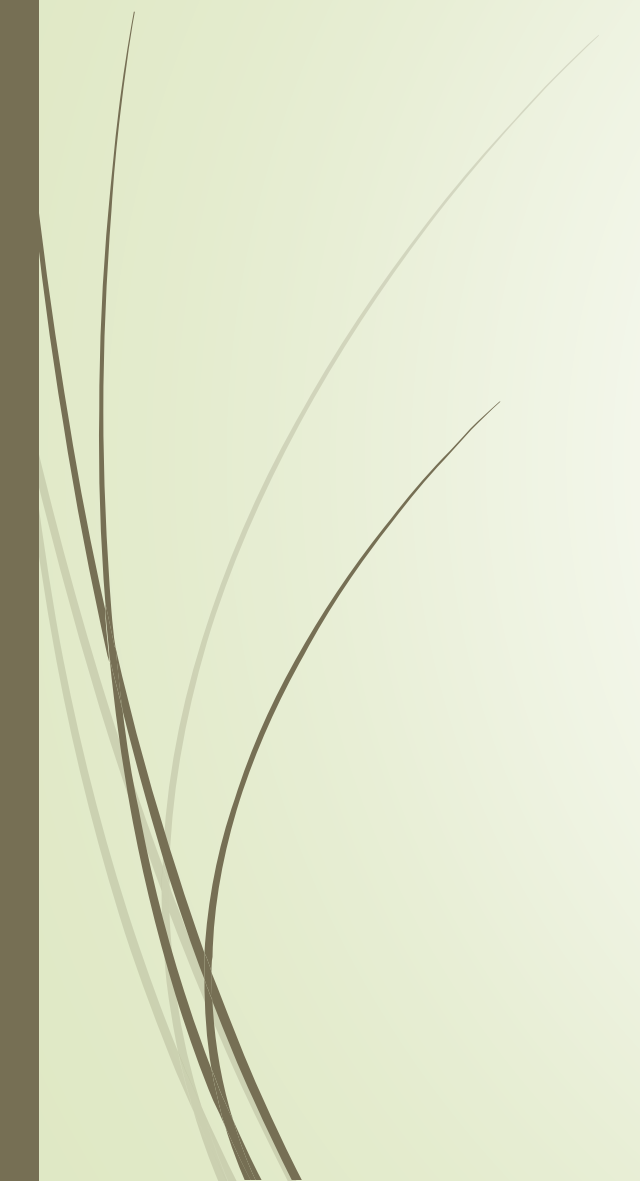



Journey of Rachel with Jacob



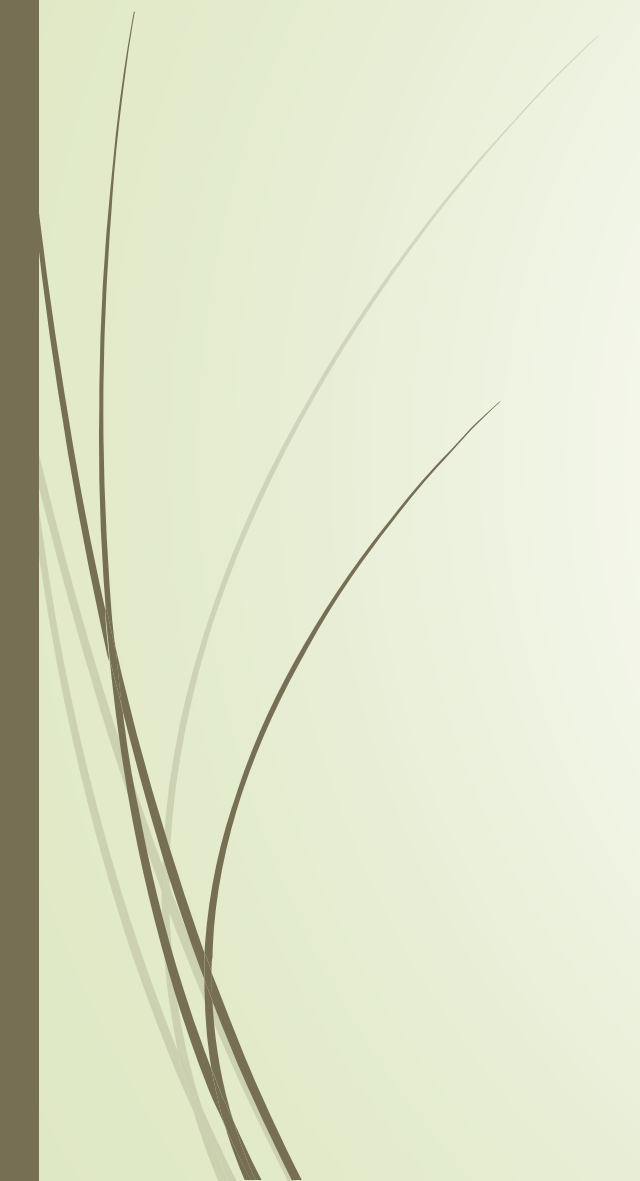


Sarah's Journey

1. Separation from idolatry
 2. Way of tent and altar
 3. Walking by faith
 4. Under promise
 5. Preserved through failures
 6. Believed
 7. Changed
 8. Learned to rely on God
 9. Representing grace
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Rebekah's Journey

1. Sought out by the father
 2. Attracted by the servant's testifying
 3. Enjoyer of the riches
 4. Chosen to be the bride
 5. Loved one she had not seen
 6. Left all
 7. Willing follower
 8. Led to the bridegroom
 9. Becomes one with the bridegroom
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Rachel's Journey

1. Beautiful shepherdess
2. Object of Jacob's love
3. Wife according to Jacob's choice and preference
4. Under dealings along with Jacob
5. Barren
6. Remembered by God
7. Taken away through childbirth
8. Represents gain through loss

Lessons Learned


- ▶ A son was gained through the loss of the natural choice and desire of Jacob's heart.
- ▶ Rachel died that Benjamin might be born.
- ▶ Without loss there is no gain.
- ▶ Apart from death there is no resurrection.
- ▶ Transformation is a change of our natural life. When this change reaches the point of fullness, the time of maturity has come.
- ▶ God desires a bride that is mature through the growth in life and transformation out of dealings in our environment.

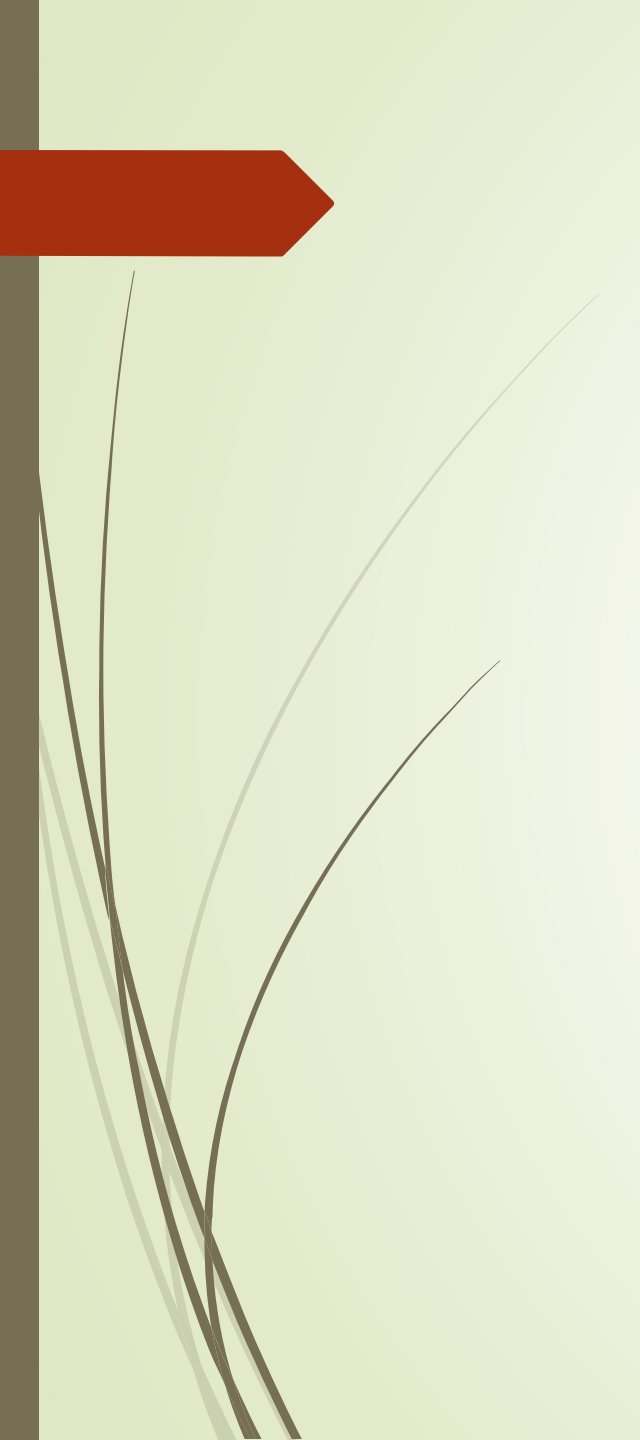
Female Cooperation

1. “The entire Bible is concerning Christ and the church.... Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel were the cooperators with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to bring forth the seed, the one seed, which is Christ, and the corporate seed, which is the church, the people of God.”
2. “Without Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel, there could not have been those patriarchal promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob which bless us all.... It is the female who brings forth the seed, the corporate man, for the fulfillment of God's purpose.”



Suffering Loss to Gain Christ

- ▶ For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever will lose his soul-life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it (Mark 8:35).
 - ▶ But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ (Phil. 3:8).
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*And we know
that all things work together
for good
to those who love God,
to those who are called
according to His purpose.*

Romans 8:28